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[illegible], Sec'y.

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[illegible], R. K.

**C. M. B. A.**

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# Through Santa Clara Wheat

By FRANCIS BRET HARTE.

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She opened her window and looked out. The moon, a great silver dome, was uplifting itself from a bluish gray level which she knew was the distant plain of wheat. Somewhere in its midst appeared a dull star, at times brightening as if blown upon or drawn upward in a comet like trail. By some odd instinct she felt that it was the solitary forge of the young inventor, and pictured him standing before it with his abstracted hazel eyes and a face more begrimed in the moonlight than ever. When did he wash himself? Perhaps not until Sunday. How lonely it must be out there! She slightly shivered and turned from the window. As she did so it seemed to her that something knocked against her door from without. Opening it quickly she was almost certain that the sound of a rustling skirt retreated along the passage. It was very late—perhaps she had disturbed the house by shutting her window. No doubt it was the motherly interest of Mrs. Randolph that impelled her to softly come and look after her. And for once her simple surmises were correct. For not only the inspecting eyes of her hostess, but the amatory glances of the youthful Emile had been fastened upon her window until the light disappeared, and even the Holy Mission Church of San Jose had assured itself of the dear child's safety with a large and supple ear at her keyhole.

The next morning Maj. Randolph took her with Adele in a light cariole over the ranch. Although his domain was nearly as large as the adjoining wheat plain, it was not like that monopolized by one enormous characteristic yield, but embraced a more diversified product. There were acres and acres of potatoes, in rows of endless and varying succession. There were miles of wild oats and barley, which overtopped them as they drove in narrow lanes of dry and dusty monotony. There were orchards of pears, apricots, peaches and nectarines, and vineyards of grapes so comparatively dwarfed in height that they scarcely reached to the level of their eyes, yet laden and breaking beneath the weight of their ludicrously disproportionate fruit. What seemed to be a vast green plateau covered with tiny patches, that headed the northern edge of the prospect, was an enormous bed of strawberry plants. But everywhere, crossing the track, bounding the fields, orchards and vineyards, intersecting the paths of the whole domain, were narrow irrigating ducts and channels of running water.

"These," said the major proudly, "are the veins and arteries of the ranch. Come with me now and I'll show you its pulsating heart." Descending from the wagon into pedestrian prose again he led Rose a hundred yards farther to a shed that covered a wonderful artesian well. In the center of a basin a column of water rose regularly with the even flow and volume of a brook. "It is one of the largest in the state," said the major, "and is the life of all that grows here during six months of the year."

[illegible] these evidences of the prosperity and position of her host, she was struck, however, with the fact that the farm laborers, vine growers, nursery men and all field hands scattered on the vast estate were apparently of the same independent, unpastoral and unprofessional character as the men of the wheat field. There were no cottages or farm buildings that she could see, nor any apparent connection between the household and the estate. Far from suggesting tenantry or retainers, the men who were working in the fields glanced at them as they passed with the indifference of strangers, or replied to the major's greetings of questionings with perfect equality of manner or even businesslike reserve and caution. Her host explained that the ranch was worked by a company "on shares;" that those laborers were in fact the bulk of the company, and that he, the major, only furnished the land, the seed and the implements. "That man who was driving the long roller, and with whom you were indignant because he wouldn't get out of our way, is the president of the company."

"That needn't make him so uncivil," said Rose, poutingly, "for if it comes to that you're the landlord," she added triumphantly.

"No," said the major good humoredly, "I am simply the man driving the lighter and more easily managed team for pleasure, and he's the man driving the heavier and more difficult machine for work. It's for me to get out of his way. And looked at in the light of my being the landlord it is still worse, for as we're working 'on shares' I'm interrupting his work and reducing his profits merely because I choose to sacrifice my own."

I need not say that these atrociously leveling sentiments were received by the young ladies with that feminine scorn which is only qualified by misconception. Rose, who under the influence of her hostess' nationality had a vague impression that they sounded something like the French revolution, and that Adele must feel like the Princess Elizabeth, rushed to her relief like a good girl. "But, major, now you're a gentleman, and if you had been driving that roller you know you would have turned out for us."

"I don't know about that," said the major mischievously, "but if I had I should have known that the other fellow who accepted it wasn't a gentleman."

But Rose having sufficiently shown her partisanship in the discussion, after the feminine fashion, did not care particularly for the logical result. After a moment's silence she resumed, "And the wheat ranch below—is that carried on in the same way?"

"Yes; but their landlord is a bank, who advances not only the land but the money to work it, and doesn't ride around in a buggy with a couple of charmingly distracting young ladies."

"And do they all share alike?" continued Rose, ignoring the pleasantry; "big and little—that young inventor with the rest?"

She stopped. She felt the ingenue's usually complacent eyes suddenly fixed upon her with an unhallowed precocity and as quickly withdrawn. Without knowing why, she felt embarrassed and changed the subject.

The next day they drove to the Convent of Santa Clara and the mission college of San Jose. Their welcome at both places seemed to Rose to be a mingling of caste greeting and spiritual zeal, and the austere seclusion and reserve of those cloisters repeated that suggestion of an old world civilization that had already fascinated the young western girl. They made other excursions in the vicinity, but did not extend it to a visit to their few neighbors. With their reserved and exclusive ideas this fact did not strike Rose as peculiar, but on a later shopping expedition to the town of San Jose a certain reticence and aggressive sensitiveness on the part of the shop keepers and tradespeople toward the Randolphs produced an unpleasant impression on her mind. She could not help noticing, too, that after the first stare of astonishment which greeted her appearance with her hostess she herself was included in the antagonism. With her youthful prepossession for her friends, this distinction she regarded as flattering and aristocratic, and I fear she accented it still more by discussing with Mrs. Randolph the merits of the shopkeeper's wares in school girl French before them. She was unfortunate enough, however, to do this in the shop of a polyglot German.

"Oxcoos me, mees," he said gravely, "but dot lady speeks Engeleesh so goot mit yourselluf, and ven you dells to her dot silk is halluf gotton in English she onderstand you mooch bgtter, and it don't make nodings to me." The laugh which would have followed from her own countrywoman did not, however, break upon the trained faces of the "de Fontanes L'Hommadieus," yet while Rose would have joined in it, albeit a little ruefully, she felt for the first time mortified at their civil insincerity.

At the end of two weeks Maj. Randolph received a letter from Mr. Mallory. When he had read it he turned to his wife. "He thanks you," he said, "for your kindness to his daughter, and explains that his sudden departure was owing to the necessity of his taking advantage of a great opportunity for speculation that had offered." As Mrs. Randolph turned away with a slight shrug of her shoulders the major continued: "But you haven't heard all. That opportunity was the securing of a half interest in a Cinnabar lode in Sonora, which has already gone up a hundred thousand dollars in his hands. By Jove! a man can afford to drop a little social ceremony on those terms, eh, Josephine?" He concluded with a triumphant chuckle.

"He's as likely to lose his hundred thousand to-morrow while his manners will remain," said Mrs. Randolph. "I've no faith in these sudden California fortunes!"

"You're wrong as regards Mallory, for he's as careful as he is lucky. He don't throw money away for appearance sake or he'd have a rich home for that daughter. He could afford it."

Mrs. Randolph was silent. "She is his only daughter, I believe," she continued presently.

"Yes; he has no other kith or kin," returned the major.

"She seems to be very much impressed by Emile," said Mrs. Randolph.

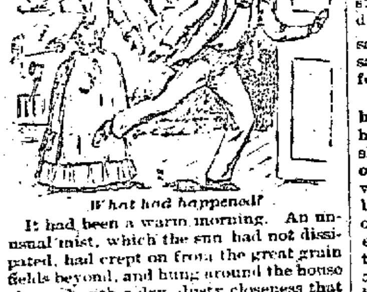
Major Randolph faced his wife quickly. "In the name of all that's ridiculous, my dear, you are not already thinking of"— he gasped.

"I should be very loth to give my sanction to anything of the kind, knowing the difference of her birth, education and religion, although the latter, I believe, she would readily change," said Mrs. Randolph severely. "But when you speak of my already thinking of 'such things,' do you suppose that your friend Mr. Mallory didn't consider all that when he sent that girl here?"

"Never," said the major vehemently; "and if it entered his head now, by Jove he'd take her away to-morrow—always supposing I didn't anticipate him by sending her off myself."

Mrs. Randolph uttered her mirthless laugh. "And you suppose the girl would [illegible] own countrywomen. What does she care for her father's control? Why, she'd make him do just what she wanted. But," she added with an expression of dignity, "perhaps we had better not discuss this until we know something of Emile's feelings in the matter. That is the only question that concerns us." With this she swept out of the room, leaving the major at first speechless with honest indignation, and then, after the fashion of all guileless natures, a little uneasy and suspicious of his own guilelessness. For a day or two after he found himself, not without a sensation of meanness, watching Rose when in Emile's presence, but he could distinguish nothing more than the frank satisfaction she showed equally to the others. Yet he found himself regretting even that, so subtle was the contagion of his wife's suspicions.

## CHAPTER III.



*What had happened?*

It had been a warm morning. An unusual mist, which the sun had not dissipated, had crept on from the great grain fields beyond, and hung around the house charged with a dry, dusty closeness that seemed to be quite independent of the sun's rays, and more like a heated exhalation or emanation of the soil itself. In its acrid irritation Rose thought she could detect the breath of the wheat as on the day she had plunged into its pale green shadows.

By the afternoon this mist had disappeared, apparently in the same mysterious manner, but not scattered by the usual trade wind which—another unusual circumstance—that day was not forthcoming. There was a breathlessness in the air like the hush of listening expectancy which filled the young girl with a vague restlessness, and seemed to even affect a scattered company of crows in the field beyond the house which rose suddenly with startled but aimless wings and then dropped vacantly among the grain again.

Maj. Randolph was inspecting a distant part of the ranch, Mrs. Randolph was presumably engaged in her boudoir, and Rose was sitting between Adele and Emile before the piano in the drawing room, listlessly turning over the leaves of some music. There had been an odd mingling of eagerness and abstraction in the usual attentions of the young man that morning, and a certain nervous affectation in his manner of twisting the ends of a small black mustache which resembled his mother's eyebrows, that had affected Rose with a half amused, half uneasy consciousness, but which she had, however, referred to the restlessness produced by the weather. It occurred to her also that the vacuously amiable Adele had once or twice regarded her with the same precocious, childlike curiosity and infantine cunning she had once before exhibited.

All this did not, however, abate her admiration for both—perhaps particularly for this picturesquely gentlemanly young fellow, with his gentle audacities of compliment, his caressing attentions and his unfailing and equal address. And when, discovering that she had mislaid her fan for the fifth time that morning, he started up with equal and undiminished fire to go again and fetch it, the lack of grateful pleasure and pleading perplexity in her pretty eyes might have turned a less conceited brain than his.

"But you don't know where it is?"

"I shall find it by instinct."

"You are spoiling me—you two." The parenthesis was a hesitating addition, but she continued with fresh sincerity. "I shall be quite helpless when I leave here—if I am ever able to go by myself."

"Don't ever go, then."

"But just now I want my fan—it is so close everywhere today."

"I fly, mademoiselle."

He started to the door.

She called after him, "Let me help your instinct, then. I had it last in the major's study."

"That was where I was going."

He disappeared. Rose got up and moved uneasily toward the window. "How queer and quiet it looks outside. It's really too bad that he should be sent after that fan again. He'll never find it!" She resumed her place at the piano, Adele following her with round expectant eyes. After a pause she started up again. "I'll go and fetch it myself," she said, with a half embarrassed laugh, and ran to the door.

Scarcely understanding her own nervousness, but finding relief in rapid movement, Rose flew lightly up the staircase. The major's study, where she had been writing letters during his absence that morning, was at the further end of a long passage and near her own bedroom, the door of which as she passed she noticed half abstractedly was open, but she continued on and hurriedly entered the study. At the same moment Emile, with a smile on his face, turned toward her with the fan in his hand.

"Oh, you've found it," she said with nervous eagerness. "I was so afraid you'd have all your trouble for nothing."

With a half breathless smile she extended her hand for the fan, but he caught her outstretched little palm in his own and held it.

"Ah, but you are not going to leave us, are you?"

In a flash of consciousness she understood him, and, as it seemed to her, her own nervousness and all and everything. And with it came a swift appreciation of all it meant to her and her future. To be always with him, and, like him, a part of this refined and restful seclusion—akin to all that had so attracted her in this house; not to be obliged to educate herself up to it, but to be in it on equal terms at once; to know that it was no wild, girlish, youthful fancy, but a wise, thoughtful and prudent resolve that her father would understand and her friends respect—these were the thoughts that crowded quickly upon her—more like an explanation of her feelings than a revelation—in the brief second that he held her hand. It was not perhaps love as she had dreamed it, and ever believed it before; she was not alarmed or embarrassed, she even felt with a slight pride that she was not blushing. She raised her eyes frankly. What she would have said she did not know, for the door which he had closed behind her began to shake violently.

It was not the fear of some angry intrusion or interference surely that made him drop her hand instantly. It was not her second thought—the idea that some one had fallen in a fit against it that blank terror. It must have been something else that caused him to utter an inarticulate cry and dash out of the room and down the stairs like a madman! What had happened?

In her own self possession she knew that all this was passing rapidly, that it was not the door now that was still shaking, for it had swung almost shut again, but it was the windows, the book shelves, the floor beneath her feet that were all shaking. She heard a hurried scrambling, the trampling of feet below and the quick rustling of a skirt in the passage as if some one had precipitately fled from her room. Yet no one had called to her—even he had said nothing. Whatever had happened they clearly had not cared for her to know.

The jarring and rattling ceased as suddenly; but the house seemed silent and empty. She moved to the door, which now had swung open a few inches, but to her astonishment it was fixed in that position and she could not pass. As yet she had been free from any personal fear, and even now it was with a half smile at her imprisonment in the major's study that she rang the bell and turned to the window. A man whom she recognized as one of the ranch laborers was standing a hundred feet away in the garden looking curiously at the house. He saw her face as she tried to raise the sash, uttered an exclamation and ran forward.

But before she could understand what he said the sash began to rattle in her hand, the jarring recommenced, the floor shook beneath her feet, a hideous sound of grinding seemed to come from the walls, a thin seam of dust like smoke broke from the ceiling, and with the noise of falling plaster a dozen books followed each other from the shelves in what in the frantic hurry of that moment seemed a grimly deliberate succession; a picture hanging against the wall to her dazed wonder swung forward and appeared to stand at right angles from it; she felt herself reeling against the furniture, a deathly nausea overtook her, and as she glanced despairingly toward the window the outlying fields beyond the garden seemed to be undulating like a sea.

For the first time she raised her voice, not in fear, but in a pathetic little cry of apology for her awkwardness in tumbling about and not being able to grapple this new experience, and then she found herself near the door, which had once more swung free. She grasped it eagerly and darted out of the study into the deserted passage. Here some instinct made her follow the line of the wall rather than the shaking balusters of the corridor and staircase; but before she reached the bottom she heard a shout, and the farm laborer she had seen coming toward her seized her by the arm, dragged her to the open doorway of the drawing room and halted beneath its arch in the wall. Another thrill—but lighter than before—passed through the building, then all was still again.

"It's over, I reckon; that's all just now," said the man coolly. "It's quite safe to cut and run for the garden now through this window." He half led, half lifted her through the French window to the veranda and the ground, and locking her arm in his ran quickly forward a hundred feet from the house, stopping at last beneath a large post oak where there was a rustic seat, into which she sank. "You're safe now, I reckon," he said grimly.

She looked toward the house. The sun was shining brightly. A cool breeze seemed to have sprung up as they ran. She could see a quantity of rubbish lying on the roof, from which a dozen yards of zinc gutter were perilously hanging, the broken shafts of the farther cluster of chimneys, a pile of bricks scattered upon the ground and among the battered down beams of the end of the veranda; but that was all. She lifted her now whitened face to the man, and with the apologetic smile still lingering on her lips asked:

"What does it all mean? What has happened?"

The man stared at her. "D'ye mean to say ye don't know?"

"How could I? They must have all left the house as soon as it began. I was talking to—to M. L'Hommadieu, and he suddenly left."

The man brought his face, angrily down within an inch of her own. "D'ye mean to say that them d—d French half-breeds stampeded and left yer there alone?"

She was still too much stupefied by the reaction to fully comprehend his meaning, and repeated feebly, with her smile still faintly lingering, "But you don't tell me what it was?"

"An earthquake," said the man roughly; "and if it had lasted ten seconds longer it would have shook down the whole shanty and left you under it. Yer kin tell that to them if they don't know it, but from the way they made tracks to the fields I reckon they did. They're coming now."

Without another word he turned away half surlily, half defiantly, passing scarce fifty yards away Mrs. Randolph and her daughter, who were hastening toward their guest.

"Oh, here you are," said Mrs. Randolph, with the nearest approach to effusion that Rose had yet seen in her manner. "We were wondering where you had run to and were getting quite concerned. Emile was looking for you everywhere."

The recollection of his blank and abject face, his vague outcry and blind flight, came back to Rose with a shock that sent a flush of sympathetic shame to her face. The ingenious Adele noticed it and dutifully pinched her mother's arm.

"Emile," echoed Rose faintly, "looking for me?"

Mother and daughter exchanged glances.

"Yes," said Mrs. Randolph cheerfully, "he says he started to run with you, but you got ahead and slipped out of the garden door—or something of that kind," she added, with the air of making light of Rose's girlish fears. "You know one scarcely knows what one does at such times, and it must have been all frightfully strange to you—and he's been quite distracted—lest you should have wandered away. Adele, run and tell him Miss Mallory has been here under the oak all the time."

Rose started, and then fell hopelessly back in her seat. Perhaps it was true! Perhaps he had not rushed off with that awful face and without a word. Perhaps she herself had been half frightened out of her reason. In the simple weak kindness of her nature it seemed less dreadful to believe that the fault was partly her own.

"And you went back into the house to look for us when all was over," said Mrs. Randolph, fixing her black, beady, magnetic eyes on Rose, "and that stupid yokel 'Zeke brought you out again. He needn't have clutched your arm so closely, my dear—I must speak to the major about his excessive familiarity—but I suppose I shall be told that that is American freedom. I call it a liberty."

It struck Rose that she had not even thanked the man in the same flash that she remembered something dreadful that he had said. She covered her face with her hands and tried to recall herself.

Mrs. Randolph gently tapped her philosophy and discipline, and continued: "Of course it's an upset, and you're confused still. That's nothing. They say, dear, it's perfectly well known that no two people's recollection of these things ever is the same. It's really ridiculous the contradictory stories one hears. Isn't it, Emile?"

Rose felt that the young man had joined them and was looking at her. In the fear that she should still see some trace of the startled selfish animal in his face she did not dare to raise her eyes to his, but looked at his mother. Mrs. Randolph was standing then, collected but impatient.

"It's all over now," said Emile in his usual voice, "and except the chimneys and some fallen plaster there's really no damage done. But I'm afraid they've caught it pretty badly at the Mission and at San Francisco in those tall, flashy, rattle trap buildings they're putting up. I've just sent off one of the men for news."

Her father was in San Francisco by that time, and she had never once thought of him. In her quick remorse she forgot all else and rose to her feet.

"I must telegraph to my father at once," she said hurriedly; "he is there."

"You had better wait until the messenger returns and hear his news," said Emile. "If the shock was only a slight one in San Francisco your father might not understand you and would be alarmed."

She could see his face now; there was no record of the past expression upon it, but he was watching her eagerly. Mrs. Randolph and Adele had moved away to speak to the servants. Emile drew nearer.

"You surely will not desert us now," he said in a low voice.

"Please don't," she said vaguely; "I'm so worried." And pushing quickly past him she hurriedly rejoined the two women.

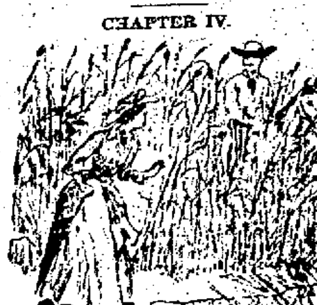
They were superintending the erection of a long tent or marquee in the garden, hastily extemporized from the awnings of the veranda and other cloth. Mrs. Randolph explained that although all danger was over there was the possibility of the recurrence of lighter shocks during the day and night, and that they would all feel much more secure and comfortable to camp out for the next twenty-four hours in the open air.

"Only imagine you're picnicking, and you'll enjoy it as much as most people usually enjoy those horrid al fresco entertainments. I don't believe there's the slightest real necessity for it, but," she added in a lower voice, "the Irish and Chinese servants are so demoralized now they wouldn't stay indoors with us. It's a common practice here, I believe, for a day or two after the shock, and it gives time to put things to right again and clear up. The old one-storied Spanish houses, with walls three feet thick and built round a courtyard or patio were much safer. It's only when the Americans tried to improve upon the old order of things with their pinchbeck shams and stucco that Providence interferes like this to punish them."

It was the fact, however, that Rose was more impressed by what seemed to her the absolute indifference of Providence in the matter, and the cool resumption by nature of her ordinary conditions. The sky above their heads was as rigidly blue as ever and as smilingly monotonous; the distant prospect, with its clear, well known silhouettes, had not changed; the crows swung on heavy, deliberate wings over the grain as before and the trade wind was blowing in its quiet persistency.

And yet she knew that something had happened that would never again make her enjoyment of the prospect the same: that nothing would ever be as it was yesterday. I think at first she referred only to the material and larger phenomena, and did not confound this revelation of the insecurity of the universe with her experience of man. Yet the fact also remained that to the conservative, correct and, as she believed, secure condition to which she had been approximating all her relations were rudely shaken and upset. It really seemed to this simple minded young woman that the revolutionary disturbance of settled conditions might be something in the style of a "divine right" also.

## CHAPTER IV.



*It was the young inventor from the wheat ranch.*

In her desire to be alone and to evade the now significant attentions of Emile she took advantage of the bustle that followed the hurried transfer of furniture and articles from the house to escape through the garden to the outlying fields. Striking into one of the dusty lanes that she remembered, she wandered on for half an hour until her progress and meditation were suddenly arrested. She had come upon a long chasm or crack in the soil, fully twenty feet wide and as many in depth, crossing her path at right angles. She did not remember having seen it before; the track of wheels went up to its precipitous edge, she could see the track repeated on the other side, but the hiatus remained, unbridged and uncovered. It was not there yesterday. She glanced right and left; the fissure seemed to extend like a moat or ditch from the distant road to the upland between her and the great wheat valley below, from which she was shut off.

An odd sense of being in some way a prisoner confronted her. She drew back with an impatient start, and perhaps her first real sense of indignation. A voice behind her, which she at once recognized, scarcely restored her calmness.

"You can't get across there, miss."

She turned. It was the young inventor from the wheat ranch on horseback and with a clean face. He had just ridden out of the grain on the same side of the chasm as herself.

"But you seem to have got over," she said bluntly.

"Yes, but it was further up the field; I reckoned that the split might be deeper but not so broad in the rock outcrop over there than in the adobe here. I found it so and jumped it."

He looked as if he might—alert, intelligent and self contained. Yet she said nothing. He lingered a moment.

"I'm afraid you must have been badly shaken and a little frightened up there before the chimneys came down."

"[illegible]," she was glad to say, briefly and she believed truthfully; "I wasn't frightened. I didn't even know it was an earthquake."

"Ah," he reflected, "that was because [illegible] all like that. I suppose it's because nobody really expects or believes in the unlooked for thing, and yet that's the thing that always happens. And then of course that other affair, which really is serious, startled you the more."

She felt herself ridiculously and angrily blushing. "I don't know what you mean," she said icily. "What other affair?"

"Why, the well."

"The well?" she repeated vacantly.

"Yes; the artesian well has stopped. Didn't the major tell you?"

"No," said the girl. "He was away. I haven't seen him yet."

"Well, the flow of water has ceased completely. That's what I'm here for. The major sent for me, and I've been to examine it."

"And is that stoppage so very important?" she said dubiously.

It was his turn to look at her wonderingly. "If it's lost entirely it means ruin for the rancho," he said seriously. He wheeled his horse, nodded gravely and trotted off.

Maj. Randolph's figure of the "life blood of the rancho" flashed across her suddenly. She knew nothing of irrigation or the costly appliances by which the Californian agriculturist opposed the long summer droughts. She only vaguely guessed that the dreadful earthquake had struck at the prosperity of those people whom only a few hours ago she had been proud to call her friends. The underlying goodness of her nature was touched. Should she let a momentary fault—if it were not really, after all, only a misunderstanding—rise between her and them at such a moment? She turned and hurried quickly toward the house.

Hastening onward she found time, however, to wonder also why these common men—she now included even the young inventor in that category—were all so rude and uncivil to her. She had never before been treated in this way; she had always been rather embarrassed by the admiring attentions of young men—clerks and collegians in her Atlantic home, and of professional men, merchants and stock brokers in San Francisco. It was true they were not as continually devoted to her and to the nice art and etiquette of pleasing as Emile—they had other things to think about, being in business and not being gentlemen, but then they were greatly superior to these clowns, that took no notice of her and rode off without lingering or formal leave taking when their selfish affairs were concluded.

It must be the contact of the vulgar earth—this wretched, cracking, material and yet ungovernable and lawless earth—that so depraved them. She felt she would like to say this to some one—not her father, for he wouldn't listen to her; not to the major, who would laughingly argue with her, but to Mrs. Randolph, who would understand her—and perhaps say it some day in her own sharp, sneering way to those very clowns. With these gentle sentiments irradiating her blue eyes and putting a pink flush upon her fair cheek Rose reached the garden with the intention of rushing sympathetically into Mrs. Randolph's arms.

But it suddenly occurred to her that she would be obliged to state how she became aware of this misfortune, and with it came an instinctive aversion to speak of her meeting with the inventor. She would wait until Mrs. Randolph told her. But although that lady was engaged in a low voiced discussion in French with Emile and Adele which instantly ceased at her approach there was no allusion made to the new calamity.

"You need not telegraph to your father," she said, as Rose approached. "He has already telegraphed to you for news. As you were out, and the messenger was waiting an answer, we opened the dispatch, and sent one telling him that you were all right, and that he need not hurry here on your account. So you are satisfied, I hope." A few hours ago this would have been true, and Rose would have probably seen in the action of her hostess only a flattering motherly supervision. There was, in fact, still a lingering trace of that trust in her mind; yet she was conscious that she would have preferred to answer the dispatch herself and to have let her father come.

To a girl brought up with a belief in the right of individual independence of thought and action there was something in Mrs. Randolph's practical ignoring of that right which startled her, in spite of her new conservatism; while as the daughter of a business man her instincts revolted against Mrs. Randolph's unbusinesslike action with the telegram, however vulgar and unrefined she may have begun to consider a life of business and its connections. The result was a certain constraint and embarrassment in her manner which, however, had the laudable effect of limiting Emile's attentions to significant glances, and was no doubt variously interpreted by the others. But she satisfied her conscience by determining to make a confidence of her sympathy to the major on the first opportunity.

This she presently found when the others were preoccupied, the major greeting her with a somewhat careworn face, but a voice whose habitual kindness was unchanged. When he had condoled with her on the terrifying phenomenon that had marred her visit to the rancho—and she could not help impatiently noticing that he, too, seemed to have accepted his wife's theory that she had been half deliriously frightened—he regretted that her father had not concluded to come down to the rancho, as his practical advice would have been invaluable in this emergency. She was about to eagerly explain why, when it occurred to her that Mrs. Randolph had only given him a suppressed version of the telegram, and that she would be betraying her or again taking sides in this partisan divided home. With some hesitation she at last alluded to the accident to the artesian well.

The major did not ask her how she had heard of it; it was a bad business, he thought, but it might not be a total loss. The water may have been only diverted by the shock, and might be found again at a lower level or in some lateral fissure. He had sent hurriedly for Tom Bent—that clever young engineer at the wheat ranch who was always studying up these things with his inventions—and that was his opinion. No, Tom was not a well digger, but it was generally known that he had "located" one or two, and had long ago advised the tapping of that flow by a second boring in case of just such an emergency. He was coming again to-morrow. By the way, he had asked how the young lady visitor was, and hoped she had not been alarmed by the earthquake.

Rose felt herself again blushing—and what was more singular, with an unexpected and, it seemed to her, ridiculous pleasure; although outwardly she appeared to ignore the civility completely. And she had no intention of being so easily placated. If this young man thought by mere perfunctory civilities to her host to make up for his clownishness to her, he was mistaken. She would let him see it when he called to-morrow. [illegible] the major of her sympathy and her intention of sending for her father. For the rest of the afternoon and during their al fresco dinner she solved the difficulty of her strained relations with Mrs. Randolph and Emile by conversing chiefly with the major, tacitly avoiding, however, any allusion to this Mr. Bent. But Mrs. Randolph was less careful.

"You don't really mean to say, major," she began in her dryest, grittiest manner, "that instead of sending to San Francisco for some skilled master mechanic you are going to listen to the vagaries of a conceited, half educated farm laborer and employ him? You might as well call in some of those wizards or water witches at once." But the major, like many other well managed husbands who are good humoredly content to suffer in the sunshine of prosperity, had no idea of doing so in adversity, and at the prospect of being obliged to go back to youthful struggle had recalled some of the independence of that period. He looked up quietly and said:

"If his conclusions are as clear and satisfactory to-morrow as they were to-day I shall certainly try to secure his services."

"Then I can only say I would prefer the water witch. He at least would not represent a class of neighbors who have made themselves systematically uncivil and disagreeable to us."

"I am afraid, Josephine, we have not tried to make ourselves particularly agreeable to them," said the major.

"If that can only be done by admitting their equality I prefer they should remain uncivil. Only let it be understood, major, that if you choose to take this Tom, the plowboy, to mend your well you will at least keep him there while he is on the property."

With what retort the major would have kept up this conjugal discussion, already beginning to be awkward to the discreet visitor, is not known, as it was suddenly stopped by a bullet from the rosebud lips of the ingenuous Adele.

"Why, he's very handsome when his face is clean, and his hands are small and not at all hard. And he doesn't talk the least bit queer or common."

There was a dead silence. "And pray where did you see him, and what do you know about his hands," asked Mrs. Randolph in her most desiccated voice. "Or has the major already presented you to him? I shouldn't be surprised."

"No, but," hesitated the young girl, with a certain mouse like audacity, "when you sent me to look after Miss Mallory I came up to him just after he had spoken to her, and he stopped to ask me how we all were, and if Miss Mallory were really frightened by the earthquake, and he shook hands for good afternoon—that's all."

"And who taught you to converse with common strangers and shake hands with them," continued Mrs. Randolph with narrowing lips.

"Nobody, mamma, but I thought if Miss Mallory, who is a young lady, could speak to him so could I, who am not out yet."

(Continued next week.)

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JAMES BIGGINS
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of Annin
FOR AUDITORS
[illegible] BEARD
of Bradford
J. C. [illegible]
of Wilmore

[illegible] Republican voters [illegible] hold [illegible] on Thursday, September [illegible].

We [illegible] the Duke Centre Record [illegible] we hold it to have the last [illegible] to this office with [illegible] which always [illegible] without [illegible] of a single type on [illegible].

W. [illegible] as deputy sheriff [illegible] a notable official record [illegible] popular [illegible] Republican [illegible] which make him an invincible [illegible] in this county [illegible] his election.

[illegible] the General [illegible] and Northwestern Association [illegible] which will be found elsewhere in this paper, it will be seen that the [illegible] will be held in [illegible] on the 10th of September. The [illegible] the Railroad and the citizens of [illegible] Association for [illegible] on that day.

At Chambersburg a few days ago at a public meeting Mr. Delamater [illegible] by Senator [illegible] the latter now says [illegible] will [illegible] with [illegible] there was any [illegible].

[illegible] B. [illegible] editor-in-chief and one of the proprietors of the Pittsburgh *Chronicle Telegraph*, died at his home in that city on Saturday [illegible] in the [illegible] year of his age. Mr. [illegible] was one of the ablest editors in the country and a most genial gentleman. His death coming as it did in the very prime of life is deeply regretted by sincere friends all over Pennsylvania.

The latest day upon which a citizen can be registered in order to entitle him to vote this fall is September 4th next. Republicans should not lose sight of this fact and see at once that [illegible]. It is the first imperative duty in the campaign, and should not be neglected a day. Committeemen should see that this matter is promptly attended to.

The Democrats put their best foot forward in electing Thos. D. Nash, of [illegible] borough, their County Chairman. Mr. Nash is a thoroughly posted politician and a good organizer, but he has got a bigger job on his hands than he ever undertook before, to make a Democratic county out of McKean. That can't be done Tom. It might as well be understood in the outset that there will be no yelling for Bobby Pattison in McKean county, for no man in the State knows the weak points in that individual's armor better than Tom Nash.

Postmaster [illegible] of Philadelphia, has reinstated nine postoffice clerks and letter carriers who have been discharged by Postmaster Harrity. They were old soldiers and had been discharged without cause, unless we accept the fact of their being old soldiers. In reinstating them Postmaster Field is only showing another evidence of justness and fairness of the Republican party towards the old veteran. This same Harrity is the man who nominated Pattison at the Scranton Convention and will control him should he be elected.

Congressman H. [illegible] McCormick [illegible] declines to be a candidate for renomination. This district is composed of the counties of Clinton, Lycoming, Potter and Tioga, and the withdrawal of Mr. McCormick opens up a good fight for the nomination, as there is a candidate in each of the counties. The probabilities indicate the nomination of ex-Auditor General Niles, of Tioga, although John Ormerod of Potter, a leading lawyer and a first class man, will make an earnest contest for it. [illegible] however has a way of walking off with plums of that [illegible].

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The two gentlemen who misrepresent Pennsylvania in the United States Senate are devoting their energies to [illegible] a measure which is endorsed by the Republican party of the entire country. There never was a plank in a Republican platform either State or National which was so universally approved by the party from Maine to California as the following which was overwhelmingly adopted by the Convention that nominated Gen. Harrison in Chicago in 1888. It reads:

We reaffirm our unswerving devotion [illegible] especially to the supreme and sovereign right of every lawful citizen, rich or poor, native or foreign born, white or black, to cast one free ballot in public elections and to have that ballot duly counted. We hold the free and honest popular ballot and the just and equal representation of all the people to be the foundation of our republican government and demand effective legislation to secure the integrity and purity of elections, which are the fountains of all public authority. We charge that the present Administration and the Democratic majority owe their existence to the suppression of the ballot by a criminal nullification of the Constitution and laws of the United States.

We *demand all legislation to secure the integrity and purity of elections*, and the House after long deliberation passed a bill in accordance with that demand. We know how this bill has been in the hands of a Senate Committee and at this late day Mr. Quay comes forward with a proposition to drop it. He claims that unless an agreement of this kind is entered into the Tariff bill cannot be passed at this session. Well who cares whether it can be passed or not? The great mass of the Republicans of the country are more desirous for the passage of the Federal election bill than they are for a revision of the Tariff. It has been generally understood throughout the State for some time past that Mr. Cameron was opposed to the election bill but that surprised no one, for he is seldom found in line for a distinct party measure, but it does surprise the Republicans of Pennsylvania to find Mr. Quay joining with the Democrats to defeat so pronounced a party measure as this. As the New York *Press* says: "In the introduction of the resolution to adjourn without giving the Senate an opportunity to vote on the bill to prevent force and fraud in federal elections Senator Quay has played directly into the hands of the Democracy. His action likewise lays him open to the criticism that he is not in favor of honest elections and ballot reform. It can't be pleasant for Mr. Quay to hear the anthems of praise of his action now going up from every sorehead Democratic sheet. The southern Bourbons are simply elated. They know that in the short session of next winter with an Apportionment bill likely to be bitterly fought at every step, the chances of the final passage of this just and necessary measure would be greatly diminished."

### THE GREAT ENCAMPMENT.

The meeting of the Grand Army in Boston last week was the greatest demonstration of veterans ever witnessed [illegible] mustered out of the service who marched through the streets of Boston on Tuesday of last week and Gen. Sherman declared that there were more men in line in that parade than there were in his army at the final review at the close of the war. The streets marched over were four and one half miles in length and it was more than an hour after the right of the column was dismissed before the left had fallen into line. There were [illegible] in line and from [illegible] in the parade and it was [illegible] hours passing a given point. The streets were so packed with people from where the head of the column started to where they disbanded that it was almost impossible at times for the police to force a passage way through the dense mass wide enough for the column of 12 abreast to pass. Never was a city more beautifully decorated. Through Commonwealth and Columbus Avenues and Washington street the decorations were simply gorgeous.

We have neither time nor space to give a detailed account of this wonderful meeting of the comrades of the Grand Army and will only attempt a brief summary. Monday the trains from every direction were literally blocked with delegations pouring into the city and by night Boston had more people on its hands than the noted hospitality of the grand city could care for. Consequently thousands looked after their own personal comforts by making the green sward of the old Common or other parks, their bed with heaven's canopy for their covering.

Tuesday was given up to the great parade followed by an immense campfire in Mechanics Hall in the evening.

Wednesday and Thursday the delegates to the National Encampment held their annual session in Music Hall. Besides the election of officers for the ensuing year two of the most important subjects disposed of were an almost unanimous vote in favor of restoring the old ritual in the workings of Posts and again declaring in favor of a service pension bill. Thursday evening a magnificent banquet was spread for the delegates in Mechanic's Hall.

Friday a free excursion to old Plymouth was given to members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. and Saturday a free steamboat ride down the bay was also given to the members of the two organizations. During the latter the evolutions of the Navy by the North Atlantic Squadron was gone through with to the great delight of all those who had the pleasure of witnessing it.

Among the eminent men who attended this year's encampment were President Harrison, Vice President Morton, Secretaries Proctor, Tracy and Rusk of the Cabinet, Gens. Wm. T. Sherman, Benj. F. Butler, Daniel E. Sickles, Lucius Fairchild of Wisconsin, J. P. Rea, of Minnesota, R. A. Alger, of Michigan, William Warner, of Missouri, and Charles Devens, of Massachusetts, Governors Burleigh, of Maine, Bulkley, of Connecticut, Brackett, of Massachusetts, and Thayer, of Nebraska, ex-Gov. Long, of Massachusetts, Major Wm. McKinley, of Ohio, Hon. Warner Miller, of New York, Corporal James Tanner, of Brooklyn, and many others.

### A TALK ON THE TARIFF.

In the line of talks on the tariff what Senator Justin S. Morrill, of Vermont, had to say in his speech on the McKinley bill, is especially instructive. He presented a table showing how the prices of many common household articles used by farmers have decreased in the last ten years.

Senator Morrill admits that some agricultural products now bring a less price than the current for some years after the war but adds that this depression of prices is not peculiar to the United States. It pervades the whole world and is more serious in free-trade Britain where free trade prevails than anywhere else.

Following close upon this line of reasoning Senator Morrill says that in this country farmers have the satisfaction to find that the chief articles of consumption which they have to buy have been reduced in price even more than any reduction upon farm products. The Vermont Senator declares that a bushel of corn in New England will buy more cotton cloth or more crockery and glassware, more salt, and more calico, gingham and other dress goods for women than ever before. We quote from his list of articles in common use, which might be greatly enlarged, to show the decline in general prices ever since 1880:

| ARTICLES | PRICES 1880 | PRICES 1890 |
|---|---|---|
| Mowing machine | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Barbed wire, per pound | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| [illegible] staples, per pound | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Iron nails, per keg | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Steel nails, per keg | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Putty, per pound | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Iron, per pound | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Barn door track | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Lantern | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

On Tuesday of last week Judges Mayer, Bucher and Rockefeller appointed nearly two years ago by the Governor decided the celebrated Lycoming county judicial contest in favor of John J. Metzger, Democrat. The incumbent Judges Bucher and Rockefeller concur in a majority decision, covering over 100 pages of closely written manuscript wherein they review all the legal points and the evidence and finally give a majority of 123 votes to Judge Metzger, whose declared majority in November 1886 was only 11. Judge Mayer gives a minority opinion, in which he takes exception to several material points and gives Metzger 51 majority over R. S. Bentley, Republican contestant. The expenses of the contest will foot up to $27,000.

[illegible] every word The New York *Press* says: "They have the absurd [illegible] development of spoils politics or rather hog politics in the rural regions of Pennsylvania. In a Congressional district of several counties each county gets the Congressman for two terms and then no matter how useful his experience may be making him, he has to get out and make room for the 'next county's turn.' The underlying theory of this rotation custom is that public office is swill and that the hogs must let each other put their feet in the trough. It is fair play to the hogs but not to the people. This is why you never hear of the country districts of Pennsylvania developing Kelleys and Randalls by accumulated experience."

The death of Peter T. Kennedy of Bradford which occurred in Florida on the 12th inst. by falling from a railroad platform brief mention of which was made in our last issue was indeed a public calamity. Mr. Kennedy was one of the best known and most thoroughly esteemed citizens in this section of Pennsylvania. For twenty five years past he has been an active business man in the Tuna Valley where he amassed a large fortune. The death of no man in this county could produce a more profound sensation than did his. The funeral was held at the residence in Bradford on Saturday last and was attended by a large number of the leading citizens of the northern oil field as well as of this entire county.

It is stated says the Boston *Herald* that a steamer bound for the west coast of Africa recently had on board 13 missionaries, 160 tons of gunpowder, 11 cases of gin and 10,000 casks of rum. This is an apt representation of the proportion of civilizing to uncivilizing agencies which modern nations are engaged in sending to that benighted country. The mixed cargo excellently represents the mixed motives of the civilized nations in dealing with the dark continent. The question one would like to ask is, how many barrels of rum or how many tons of gunpowder can be measured off against the work of a single missionary?

The Harrisburg *Call*, a Democratic morning paper becomes the property of Hon. Will F. Jordan on the first of September and from that time on will be a Republican paper of the thoroughbred order. There are few places in this country better located for a Republican morning daily than Harrisburg. It is a railroad centre from which trains run in every direction every morning into thickly settled districts of intelligent people. Ex Mayor Jordan is an old newspaper man and he knows just how to make a popular paper, and that the *Call* will attain a commanding position in the newspaper world under his control there can be no question.

The *Mail and Express* quotes from the *World* in 1870 to show that it made just as great a howl about federal bayonets when the supervisor bill was before Congress as the Democratic papers do now about the federal election bill. The Republicans passed the law, and we have strong Democratic testimony as to the salutary influence of the bill in securing honest elections in New York City. The bill now before Congress is in no sense a force bill. It is simply a bill to prevent election fraud, whether in the north or in the south. No man who wants honest elections has just reason for opposing the bill.

### THE PARTY AND HONEST ELECTIONS.

From the Philadelphia Press.

Some extracts from leading Republican papers printed elsewhere will serve to indicate the sentiment of the party on the necessity of passing the Federal election law. Reading these it is impossible not to conclude that the great majority of the Republican party demands the passage of the bill now before the Senate and that it is eagerly watching the course that body pursues on the subject. If there has been any doubt among Senators as to the attitude of their constituents on this measure these frank expressions from influential organs of the party ought to clear it up.

There is one aspect of the question on which nearly all these papers dwell, and that is the humiliating position in which a cowardly surrender of the majority to the minority in the Senate would place the party. Cowardice is an accusation which has never been brought against the Republican party. One of its strongest claims upon the confidence of the country comes from the fact that it never shrank from assuming a responsibility when the public welfare demanded it. In 1861 when it assumed the reins of government as an untried party it found itself confronted by a gigantic Rebellion. It fearlessly grappled with the situation and left the Rebellion helpless and dead on the field of battle. The same courage marked its course when it had to deal with the attempted repudiation of the nation's financial honor.

The question now is whether it shall turn its back upon its old glories and permit its opponents to say what it shall do and what it shall not do. There is not a man or a party in the Republican ranks that does not acknowledge that the party is cheated and defrauded in several of the Southern States. It has not enjoyed full political rights there in twenty years. This is one of the issues upon which the Republicans have appealed to the country again and again and that the party's people have approved the party's action on this question is shown by the fact that these States in which a free vote is allowed have steadily given it [illegible] majorities. Only once since 1875 has the Republican party been in a position to rectify this wrong; that was in the Forty-seventh Congress, but the [illegible] in which the tragic death of President Garfield left the party's organization then prevented action on this important question.

Now however, the Republicans are in full possession of the executive and legislative departments of the Government and if they fail to do their duty in this respect they cannot ask support from the people in the future on this issue. The evil is admitted. The ballot box stuffing in the Southern States is a gigantic wrong and outrage upon every honest voter in the country. The Republican party has pledged itself to right this wrong if given the opportunity. It has the opportunity now and the simple question is whether it proposes to fulfill its pledge or make a cowardly surrender to the Democracy that has steadily robbed Republicans of their rights. It has never been the disposition of the Republicans to kiss the hand that smote it and it is not its desire to be placed in that humiliating attitude before the country now.

### THE NEW G. A. R. COMMANDER.

Wheelock G. Veazey of Vermont who has been elected to succeed Gen. Alger as Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic has had a long and honorable career in public life. He was born in town of Brentwood, Rockingham Co., N. H., December 5, 1835, was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy and graduated from Dartmouth college in the class of 1859. He completed his legal studies at the Albany law school. When the first sounds of war were heard he enlisted [illegible] regiment. He was shortly afterward promoted to the captaincy of company A of his regiment which took part in the Peninsula campaign under McClellan in 1862 at Lees Mills and all the battles of that campaign. Col. Veazey served with the regiment continuously until October 1862 when he received a well earned promotion. When the war was ended Col. Veazey returned to Rutland and continued his law practice. In the fall of 1865 he was elected reporter of decisions of the Supreme Court of Vermont and for eight years occupied that position. He was subsequently appointed a register in bankruptcy and held this office until the bankrupt law was repealed. In 1879 he was elevated to the bench of Supreme Court of this state and in 1889 he was appointed a member of the Inter State Commission by President Harrison and occupies that office at the present time.

It goes without saying that Col. Veazey has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the G. A. R. His election indicates the influence of a somewhat moderate spirit in the organization on the subject of pensions. He was a sort of compromise candidate between those of conservative ideas and those who favor a Per Diem service bill. The Ohio contingent for example who were in favor of giving to every honorably discharged soldier a pension of one cent per month for every day of service during the war. Colonel Veazey does not represent the views of those who desire further and immediate pension legislation.

### LITERARY NOTES.

*Harper's Weekly* for August 16th will contain an illustrated supplement on "The Fishing Craft of the World," by Captain J. W. Collins of the United States Fisheries Commission.

Middlesborough, England, is well known as the great centre of the iron trade—a city of sixty thousand inhabitants, with 130 blast furnaces, and an annual output of nearly two million tons of pig iron. But there has recently been founded an English Middlesborough in America, which bids fair if its present rate of development continues to represent in time as much wealth in gold and iron as the older city of which it is the namesake. Two years ago it had no existence save in the minds of its founders; to-day it is a city of several thousand inhabitants, aspiring to become the principal seat of the iron and steel manufacture of the United States. James Lane Allen in an article entitled "Mountain Passes of the Cumberland," to appear in *Harper's Magazine* for September describes not only the phenomenal growth of this city, but the recent wonderful development of all that rich mineral region of eastern Kentucky in which it is situated.

### Executors' Notice.

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A Washington correspondent writes as follows: The dependent pension act permits pension agents to charge a fee of $10 for executing papers and obtaining pensions under its provisions for each applicant. There is no necessity whatever for the services of a pension agent in this matter and it is singular that one of the many friends of the soldier in the Senate or House did not have this clause stricken out when the bill was being perfected. The fee allowed is nearly equal to one month's pension. It is such allowances as this to agents that keep alive the demands upon Congress for additional pension legislation and it is doubtful whether the act would have been passed if it had not contained this liberal allowance for these thrifty persons. All that is necessary to be done by applicants under the dependent act is to apply to the Pension Office here for necessary blanks which will be promptly furnished and these can easily be filled out by the applicant or by some friend who will not demand one month's pension for the trifling service. It would be a good thing if the various Grand Army Posts would obtain a supply of these blanks and furnish those who might apply for them. This would be a valuable service to the soldiers and widows of soldiers who are entitled to pensions under the act. It would draw the fire of the pension attorneys but would save $10 to many poor and deserving persons. Commissioner Raum will cheerfully furnish the required blanks to Grand Army Posts upon the application of the proper officers.

The Irish potato crop is the worst since 1879 in that part of Ireland southwest of a line drawn from Waterford to Sligo. The only thing that the British Parliament has done in the direction of relief from the probable famine is to appropriate between $2,000,000 and $3,000,000 to build railroads in Munster and Connaught. It is said that this will not be distributed through the stockholders, the contractors and the landlords who will get it, till next year, and meanwhile $110,000 additional taxation has been laid on County Galway which is in the stricken region. It is none too soon for the American dollars to begin to accumulate for Irish relief, for the cry for aid will come with terrible force when it does come and he will "give twice who gives quickly." "I am besought to-day," writes Harold Frederic to the *Times*, "by representative men from several parts of Ireland to say to Americans that this famine must be a grim terrible reality and to implore them in the name of their historic charity of heart to take thought for the succor of the thousands who will soon be confronted with complete destitution."—N. Y. *Press.*

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### Court Proclamation.

[illegible] Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Court of Common Pleas for the County of McKean has issued his precept bearing date Friday June 6th 1890 and to me directed for holding a Court of Common Pleas at the borough of Smethport, Pa., on Monday the 8th day of Sept. A. D. 1890 and to continue one week.

Dated at Smethport, Pa., Aug. 18, 1890 and in the 115th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

W. B. CLARKE, Sheriff

### TRIAL LIST

For Second Monday of September, A. D. 1890

1. A. M. Logan [illegible] Lewis Emery Jr. and W. [illegible] Weaver partners under the firm name of [illegible] Emery & Weaver vs [illegible] [illegible] Term [illegible]. Assumpsit. Plea—Non assumpsit, payment and statute of limitation. [illegible] set off.
2. R. J. [illegible] vs W. C. [illegible]. No. [illegible], December Term 1889. Assumpsit. Plea—Non assumpsit, payment, set off with leave to offer special matter etc.
3. Thomas [illegible] vs [illegible]. No. [illegible], December Term 1889. Ejectment. Plea—Not guilty.
4. [illegible] vs [illegible]. No. [illegible], February Term 1889. Appeal. Plea—Not guilty.
5. Smith Fields use of William Stanton vs William [illegible]. No. [illegible], October Term 1889. Appeal. Plea—Non assumpsit.
6. W. H. Robinson vs J. B. [illegible], H. [illegible] and W. W. Cheney doing business as Bradford Coal Co. No. [illegible], December Term 1889. Appeal. Plea—Non assumpsit.
7. J. W. Knox vs The New York Lake Erie and Western Railroad Co. No. [illegible], December Term 1889. Assumpsit. Plea—Non assumpsit.
8. Jennie O. Miller vs Mrs. W. W. [illegible]. No. [illegible], October Term 1889. Capias in Trespass for Slander. Plea—Not guilty and that she is a married woman and not liable to arrest on a capias ad respondendum.
9. M. Long, George Stafford vs E. F. Wood, George H. Potter. No. [illegible], October Term 1889. Assumpsit. Plea—Non assumpsit, payment with leave etc.
10. Ray [illegible] and Frank Kernan vs Annin Township. No. [illegible], October Term 1889. Appeal. Plea—Not guilty.
11. R. F. Cory vs Elizabeth Childs. No. 147, October Term 1889. Appeal. Plea—Non assumpsit.
12. J. B. Calder vs C. C. Kerr. No. 151, December Term, 1889. Capias in Trespass for Libel. Plea—Not guilty.
13. John P. Zane vs S. R. Dresser. No. [illegible], February Term 1890. Assumpsit. Plea—Non assumpsit, payment, payment with leave etc and set off.
14. John J. Roberts vs Phineas V. [illegible]. No. 125, February Term 1890. Capias in an action of trespass. Plea—Not guilty.
15. Frederick Julian vs Byron Alford doing business as the Van Campen Compound Company. No. [illegible], February Term 1890. Assumpsit. Plea—Non assumpsit, set off, payment, etc.
16. S. Southwick vs W. N. Y. & P. R. R. Co. No. [illegible], February Term 1890. Appeal. Plea—Not Guilty.
17. M. B. Campbell vs Mary J. Oberlin. No. [illegible], February Term 1890. Appeal. Plea—Non-assumpsit.
18. Mrs. S. Southwick vs Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad Co. No. [illegible], June Term 1890. Appeal. Plea—Not guilty.
19. H. [illegible] vs John S. Fisher. No. 387, June Term 1890. Appeal. Plea—Non assumpsit, etc.

### Court Proclamation.

The Hon. A. G. OLMSTED, President Judge of the court of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery, quarter sessions of the peace, orphans' court and court of Common Pleas for the county of McKean has issued his precept, bearing date Friday, June 6th, 1890, for holding a court of common pleas, and to me directed, at the borough of Smethport, on Tuesday the [illegible] day of September, 1890, and to continue one week.

Dated at Smethport, Aug. 11 1890 and in the 115th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

W. B. CLARKE, Sheriff

### Auditor's Notice.

In the matter of the Estate of William H. Martin, deceased. } In the Orphans' Court of McKean County.

The undersigned, an Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court to distribute the funds in the hands of F. L. Keenan, the administrator of the above named estate will attend to the duties of his appointment, at his office in the borough of Smethport, on Tuesday the [illegible] day of September A. D. 1890, at one o'clock p. m., at which time and place all persons interested can present their claims, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

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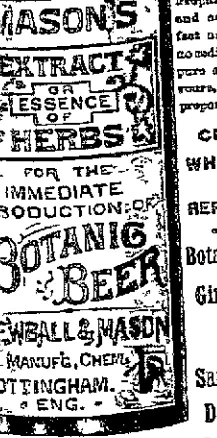

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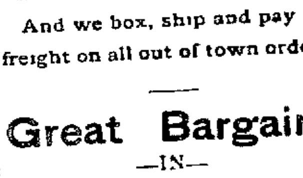

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The largest and best assortment of carpets ever seen in this section of country is now offered for sale at the Furniture and Carpet Store in Smethport. A. Reilly, the manager, has just returned from Philadelphia, the great carpet manufacturing centre of the United States, where he has made this selection. Mr Reilly's experience in the wool and carpet business for over twenty years gives him an experience that few if any in the county possess. The goods were bought direct from the manufacturers and the cash discount saved which enables us, with store rent free, insurance less than one per cent., not only to compete with surrounding cities but to sell our goods from five to ten per cent less than the same goods are sold in some carpet houses in the cities.

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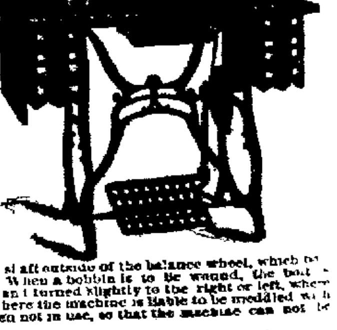

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This machine is made after the latest models of the Singer machines, and is a perfect fac-simile in shape, ornamentation and appearance. All the parts are made to gauge exactly the same as the Singer and are constructed of precisely the same materials.

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1 BINDER,
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I received your premium sewing machine one year ago and am well pleased with it. Would not exchange it for machines sold here for fifty dollars. I thank you a thousand times for such a valuable premium.
W. A. BISHOP.

TRENTON, NEB., Nov. 26, 1889.
The premium sewing machine came to hand very promptly and in good order. It is nicely finished, works like a charm, and we are delighted with it.
E. F. YOUNG.

WESTBORO, MO., DEC. 10 1889.
My sewing machine gives good satisfaction—does as good work as a fifty dollar machine.
MARY L. MURRAY.

HERRING, OHIO, Nov. 19, 1889.
The sewing machine I got from you as a premium last year, cannot be beaten, and does as good work as a $40.00 machine.
GEO. MUIR.

UNIONTOWN, KANSAS, Dec. 6, 1889.
We received the machine some two months ago. Have given it a fair trial and like it very much. We think it as good as a forty dollar machine.
MISS JANE ROWETH.

WELL'S BRIDGE, N. Y., Nov. 20 1889.
I would say, after using the sewing machine received from you, it gives perfect satisfaction in all respects, doing all kinds of work very nicely.
MRS. L. C. YOUNGMANS.

This valuable Sewing Machine is given as a premium for 60 yearly subscribers to this paper or for 30 yearly subscribers and $7 additional. Price, including one year's subscription, $15. Sent by freight, receiver to pay charges. Give name of freight station if different from postoffice.

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McKean County Miner

Smethport, Pa., August 22, 1890.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

### Misconduct Mopes.

A HOT STATE DIRGE

[illegible] A month the thermometer,
[illegible] what [illegible] they dared
[illegible] in summer gone
[illegible] their hour first of the year
[illegible] "Go on!" I saw him flout
[illegible] the most ghost there,
[illegible] took a "word" thrown the short
[illegible] of [illegible]

S F [illegible]

Beware of the prevailing maladies.

Autumnal tints will soon be noticed.

The next term of Argument court comes Sept 2d.

[illegible] with pitch its tents in Smethport to-morrow

Manager Kittredge has a number of good attractions booked for the near future

The school boy's happy hours of indolence will end two weeks from next Monday

Smethport people are beginning to return from other places and are gradually coming home

The Carl Stanly company failed to appear at the opera house last night, as announced

The season is rapidly approaching [illegible] gaudy whirl, once more

A very enjoyable social gathering was held at the residence of Dr. H. E. McCoy, on Main street, Wednesday evening

Pleasure seekers have thus far neglected the picturesque and interesting points in this neighborhood, during the summer

The fellow who is too proud to do a [illegible] honest, manly labor that would [illegible] him physically, mentally, and morally, has little to be proud of

It has been ascertained that 150,000,000 people speak the American, improper form of the English language. The [illegible] probably include the dudes.

The donation for the benefit of Rev. T. W. Chandler which was held Tuesday evening in the Moore building was a financial success, despite the inclement weather

If Republicans desire to vote at the November election they should see to it that they are registered before Thursday, September 4. This is important, very, [illegible] to attend to it

A meeting of the Democratic County Committee was held at the St. Elmo hotel, Eldred, on Tuesday afternoon. Chairman L. D. Nash and candidate [illegible] W. Brownell represented Smethport

Artistic gum chewing will be the popular study at fashionable seminaries this winter and parlor lawn tennis will [be a] special course at the tony colleges. The dear girls and boys must be educated.

Master Georgie Copeland is certainly a wonderful baby, and his piano playing is a particular feature of the program. He is only five years old and his performance was really marvellous.—*Boston Herald*

The MINER is indebted to Herman [illegible] Miller, Esq., Librarian of the State [illegible], for a beautifully bound volume [of] Smull's Legislative Hand Book, edition [of] 1890. The gift came very unexpected and is therefore the more highly appreciated.

An old lady was once heard to remark that "no news is good news." We hope that this issue of the MINER will not be judged on that hypothesis, as containing good news. Goods is scarce, indeed, very scarce at present, but no news is quite plentiful

Presiding elder Rev. I. J. Bissell of [illegible] will preach at the M. E. Church Sabbath morning at 10 30 after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. Love-feast at 9 30 a. m. This is the last quarterly meeting of the [illegible] year

The [illegible] and Port Allegany [railroad] under the management of B. A. M[illegible] is running six trains a day and has recently built an extension towards [illegible] on the Bell Brook road. Mr. M[illegible] is an efficient manager.—*Wellsville [illegible]*

A grand musical treat will be given the people of Smethport, Monday night, Aug. 25th, at the Kittredge Opera House by Master George Copeland, of Boston, the wonderful child pianist, only eight years of age, assisted by Prof E. Willard [illegible] and Pauline E. Larrabee.

The earth is now passing through the August meteor zone, and close observers of the heavens are likely to enjoy beautiful sights for a few nights to come. Several brilliant meteors have already been noticed, most of them apparently proceeding from the constellation Leo.

There promises to be a big turn-out from this vicinity at Duke Centre on the 29th of this month, the day fixed for the reunion of the veterans of the McKean County Association. The hospitable people of that live town will have their hands full to take care of their guests on that occasion

The many friends of Almond Ostrander of Liberty township, who is a member of Post 347, G. A. R., of this place, will be pleased to learn that he has been granted a pension. No man is more deserving, and we only hope that enough back pay is included to make him comfortable for life

Among those who enjoyed the G. A. R. festivities in Boston last week from this vicinity were Capt. W. B. Chapman, Hon. R. A. Dempsey and Geo. L. Roberts and wives, from Bradford, J. A. Brown, C. E. Hatch and Jno. McLaren and wives, from Duke Centre, and A. B. Mayo from Eldred

A Belmont young lady made a sad mistake a few days ago. In purchasing flour at a grocery store, she handed the [clerk], for its reception, what she supposed [was] an pillow-slip. As the pillow-slip [did] not hold the flour, owing to the existence of two embroidered outlets, the young lady abruptly retired

The third of the fools in the country think they can beat a lawyer in expounding the law. One-half think they can beat the doctor in healing the sick. Two-thirds of them think they can put the minister in a hole in preaching the Gospel [and] all of them think they can beat the editor in running a newspaper.

It is correctly observed by a contemporary that a back biter will do a vast amount of injury in any community. Somehow there is a peculiar degree of [illegible] low wickedness about this class of people. They love to fabricate. They love to hate their neighbor. They are usually great cowards and always untruthful. One such mischievous busybody will do more harm in one day than ten good men can undo in a month.

—Following is presented an elaborate array of theatrical attractions for Smethport: The Georgie Concert Company is booked for August 26th; the Kellogg Concert Company for September 8th; Vreeland & Middaugh's Operatic Minstrels for September 10th, and last but not least Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company for September 13th.

—The Austin fire, which we briefly referred to last week, was very destructive. The entire business portion of the town was burned besides a good many dwellings. The industrial establishments were all saved together with the lumber. The fire originated in a building back of Helwig's drug store about one o'clock Thursday morning and before it had spent its fury had wiped out in the neighborhood of $100,000 worth of property.

—A follower of Adams' Uncle Tom's Cabin Co., whose name could not be learned convinced some victims that he was a bold and enterprising burglar. The fellow assumed illness and left the show to work in East Smethport. From there he went to Schwartz' camp on Potato creek, where the robbery was committed Tuesday night. He got away with three suits of clothes, a gold watch and a small amount of money and made good his escape.

How little the boys or even men of today know of the great figures of 1861 and 1865. Two millions and three-quarters of soldiers were called out. Nearly 5,000 officers and over 100,000 soldiers were killed in absolute battle, while 2,400 officers and 185,000 soldiers died from disease or accident. For what did these men fight? What did they get? In what estimate are they held to-day by a generation that really knows no more about the civil war of 1861 and 1865 than of the War of 1812, or that of the Revolution itself?

—One of the crying needs of this part of the county is a mail route between Kane and Smethport. Mail matter posted at either place, must go to Bradford before reaching its destination, thus being delayed an indefinite length of time. This should not be. Smethport is the county seat, and Kane the second town of consequence in the county, each being boroughs of considerable importance, and only twenty-six miles apart. The mail facilities are very imperfect and inconvenient. The attention of the Postmaster General should be directed to this matter and who is to do it, but the citizens of both places, they being the ones to suffer the inconveniences arising from this state of affairs.—*Kane Leader*

—A Boston journal raises the question whether the hay fever is not an epidemic of the imagination, and whether victims do not thus bring on their own malady. Our Boston contemporary asserts—heartlessly no doubt—that persons regulate their attacks by the appearance of some convenient flower, and on a fixed day of a certain month. It observes, however that there is nothing of the kind as to the cure. Indeed, it is asserted it has become a point of honor with victims not to be cured at all, as that would tend to diminish the interest in the annual hay fever congresses. The hay fever season is now on and these speculations will probably prove interesting to those who are or expect to be victims to the singular epidemic, be it imaginary or not.

### Personal.

Judge Morrison and daughter Mamie visited Buffalo last week.

Mrs. J. E. Sprague and son George are visiting friends in Mendville.

A. H. Moore and family left yesterday morning for a week's visit at Chautauqua Lake.

Miss Clara Sabine, of Buffalo, is the guest of Mrs. Robert King of Main street.

Mrs. Dr. J. Kleckner and son, of Millinburg, Union county, Pa., are visiting friends in town.

Rev. J. H. McCandless returned Wednesday from the Iron Cross camp on the shore of Lake Erie.

Misses Jennie and Carrie Schultz, of Mahrsburg, are visiting their sister Mrs. O. S. Greeley, of Main street.

Mrs. Thomas A. Morrison and son Harold are visiting friends in Jamestown and will spend a few days at Chautauqua.

Mrs. P. D. Hopkins who has been visiting relatives and friends in Port Jervis, N. Y., for several weeks, returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Yard and son of the Chautauqua House are guests of Mrs. Yard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Vincent, of Jamestown.

Comrades Clint Moore, of Coleville and James Fraser of Rixford were calling upon and entertaining their many friends in Smethport on Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Wm Masser and children left for West Clarksville, N. Y., on Wednesday morning, having been called to the bedside of Mrs. Masser's mother who lies at the point of death.

J. C. Williams, J. C. Backus, Guy Mayo and Guy Gifford returned home on Friday last from the Iron Cross camp, and all report having had a delightful time.

### List of Letters

Remaining in the postoffice at Smethport, Pa., for the week ending August 16

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| Durr, L. B | Martin, L. J |
| Ford Louis A | McQuown John L. |
| Gordon, J. W | McHugh, George L. |
| Hutchinson John J | Mood, John. |
| Kelly Mrs Mattie | Wetherford, Emma |
| Martin, J. J | |

Persons calling for these letters, please say advertised and give date

E. M. KEENE, P. M.

### McKean County Association Reunion.

If the weather permits, the meeting of the McKean County Association, G. A. R., at Duke Centre on Friday of next week will be a grand success. The Posts of the entire county will be very fully represented, as they should be. It is the influence of these home reunions which is constantly augmenting the numerical strength and influence for good of the Grand Army of the Republic, to-day the most popular organization in the country. Post 347 and W. R. C. No 22 will go via B. B. & K. R. R., leaving the station at foot of Church street at 7.25 a. m. They will be accompanied by the Smethport Band, and everybody is invited to join in the excursion. Fare for the round trip, 60 cts., train returning after camp-fire in the evening.

### A Valuable Discovery.

Dr Brown Sequard's elixir of youth may be an important discovery, but every one knows that Dr Franklin Miles New Heart Cure certainly is. It has given thousands afflicted with serious heart disease a New Lease of Life. Druggists who can observe its effects on many customers everywhere speak very highly of it. Mr John Weaver, of Knightstown, Ind., says, "I have sold much of Dr Miles New Cure and have received many good reports." O. Monroe, of Dunkirk, N. Y., reports large sales. "And the best part of it is every bottle has given satisfaction." Sold and guaranteed by A. B. Armstrong.

### WALSH—ARMSTRONG

#### In Hymen's Bonds—A Matrimonial Surprise.

On Wednesday morning, Aug. 20, at the residence of Hon. A. B. Armstrong, of this borough, in the presence of the family and a few friends, their only daughter, Miss Ethel, was united in marriage with Mr. Wm P. Walsh, Station Agent, of the B., B. & K. R. R. The ceremony took place at 8 o'clock, Rev. T. W. Chandler, of the M. E. Church officiating. After congratulations and a breakfast of dainty viands, the carriage in waiting bore them to the W. N. Y. & P. depot. The day was bright and pleasant, and they took their leave amid a plentiful shower of rice and many good wishes for a safe journey and a happy and prosperous life. The marriage was a complete and an agreeable surprise to the public, and the MINER joins with the many friends of the young people in wishing them future joy. They go to Rochester, Thousand Islands and other pleasant resorts and expect to be absent about two weeks.

### Soft Soap as a Peacemaker.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

The valued Pittsburg Chronicle, in a recent issue, gives a glimpse of life in Pittsburg the point of which may be of general interest. It appears, to be brief, that Mrs. Thomas Conn, of that city, was in her yard fighting quietly but firmly with a neighbor and personal friend, Mrs. Peter Laninger. Mrs. Conn was armed with a soup ladle, while Mrs. Laninger was putting her chief reliance on a large wet dish towel. The battle was proceeding briskly with no apparent advantage on either side, when Mr. Thomas Conn appeared suddenly with an apple barrel stave and Mr. Peter Laninger dropped over the fence into the thickest of the disturbance with an empty gin bottle in one hand and an old rubber boot in the other. There was no time for any fine military strategy, so they all went in and fought together or tried to make it interesting for one another. The misunderstanding at length grew so warm and the forces so mixed that Mr. Thomas Conn even struck Mrs. Thomas Conn over the head with his barrel stave, and Mrs. Peter Laninger in her agitation slapped Mr. Peter Laninger once or twice in the face with her wet towel which so excited this worthy man that he was observed at one stage of the proceedings to be refraining from letting his left hand know what his right hand was doing and waving vigorously though somewhat aimlessly pounding his rubber boot with his empty gin bottle. Whether down on the ground rolling about or up on his or her feet striking out wildly each one of the combatants continued to express his or her opinion of the opposing forces in as loud a voice as it was possible to command and as a matter of record we may add that at the moment there did not appear to be anything even remotely resembling a policeman in the city of Pittsburg.

On the second floor of the house overlooking the scene of the debate lived one Stephen Goodman, an individual who does not belie his name. Mr. Goodman is of a philosophic temperament and a believer in non resistance and though somewhat reduced in circumstances of late years spends much of his time in reading works on peace and the universal brotherhood of man. Stephen Goodman was disturbed by the undignified proceedings below. There was a large tub of soft soap in Mr. Goodman's room. With some difficulty he raised this tub to the open window and cast the contents on the troubled backyard. Each of the combatants it is estimated, was assuaged and decorated with from two to three pailfuls of the soap. Five minutes later, when company or seven policemen climbed up they found a soap ladle, a dish towel, an apple barrel stave, a rubber boot, an empty gin bottle and a highly soapy landscape, but nothing else. They took the soap ladle, dish towel, apple barrel stave and rubber boot as evidence, smelled of the gin bottle sadly and went away and arrested a blind man for grinding a hand organ without a license.

### G. A. R. Reunions.

HEADQUARTERS MCKEAN COUNTY ASSOCIATION G. A. R.,
SMETHPORT PA, Aug 14 1890.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO 2.

I. Commanders of Posts will report on their arrival at Duke Centre August 29 to the Assistant Adjutant General and furnish him with a list of number present from their Post.

II. The Aides-de-camp will report to the chief of staff upon their arrival.

III. Commanders of Posts who have not already complied with order No. 1 will please forward at once to the Secretary the name of a Comrade who will act as Aid.

IV. The following named Comrades have been appointed Staff Officers:

[illegible] Adjutant General
[illegible] Chief of Staff
[illegible] Surgeon
[illegible] Quartermaster

V. The President earnestly requests each Post to turn out with full ranks and endeavor to make this, our Fourth Annual Reunion, a pleasure to all, that they will invite their respective Relief Corps to accompany them, and also the Sons of Veterans.

VI. Headquarters will be established at the Duke Centre Hotel.

VII. The delegates will meet at G. A. R. Hall after the parade.

VIII. The following will be the programme of the day:

Dinner, 1 o'clock p. m.
Grand Parade 2 30 p. m.
Dress Parade, 4 p. m.
Business Meeting, 5 p. m.
Camp Fire, 8 p. m.

By Command,
JAMES FRASER, President.
H. M. CHOATE, Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS N. W. A., DEP'T OF PA. }
FRANKLIN, PA., August 12, 1890 }

The seventh annual reunion of the Northwestern Department of Pennsylvania G. A. R., will be held at Titusville on Sept. 10, 1890.

Let every post and every comrade turn out to this meeting.

The W. N. Y. & P. R. R., N. Y. P. & O. & R. and Lake Shore railroad have all made very reasonable rates averaging not more than one cent a mile one way for the round trip.

Let the posts remit their per capita tax to Geo. S. Shattuck, treasurer, Meadville, Pa., without delay. Also elect your delegates and appoint your aids to division commanders, as requested in circular letter to be sent out.

Come to Titusville, comrades. Remember Oil City, Bradford, Greenville and other meetings of the association and then remember that Titusville promises to beat them all.

FRANK H JOHNSTON, Sec'y

THE PENNSYLVANIA Reserves day at Gettysburg, on the 3d of next month, will be an interesting occasion. Pennsylvania's war Governor, Andrew G. Curtin, will preside at the exercises in the National Cemetery and he will tell about the organization of the Reserves, of which he was the prime mover. The public appearance of Governor Curtin for such a purpose, in such a place, will add renown to the spot on which Lincoln spoke. Colonel John H. Taggart one of original colonels of the division, will pay a merited tribute to the commanders of the Reserves. They were great soldiers, McCall, Reynolds, Meade, Ord, who were the division and brigade commanders at the outstart. General McCoy and W. Hayes Grier will tell the story of the Reserves' fight at Gettysburg and not unlikely there will be some brief allusion to other fields on the Peninsula or to Fredericksburg, where the Reserves won their greatest and imperishable glory.—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

ECONOMY: "100 Doses One Dollar."
MERIT: "Peculiar to Itself."
PURITY: Hood's Sarsaparilla.

## AROUND THE COUNTY.

### Interesting News From Various Localities As Related by Our Regular Correspondents.

### CLERMONT.

P. Iverson has removed his family to Bradford.

C. S. Fults and family have moved to West Virginia.

Mr and Mrs. Frank Angel is stopping at the Bayer House.

E. H. Fruber and wife were in Olean a few days last week.

Miss Frankie Perry, of Kasson, spent Sunday with her brother.

George Drummell was in town the other day on his way home from Elk county.

D. Chalmer, Esq., of Cameron, made a flying visit to his relatives here last Sunday.

Mrs. John F. Keating will leave for a visit with friends in Tioga county this week.

Miss Lola Botts is now assisting her father with the express and postoffice business.

H. D. Pardee, the efficient engineer in Moore's mill is again at his post after two weeks' illness.

Miss Minnie Botts is taking a much needed vacation, and is visiting with relatives at Renovo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Steinhauer attended the funeral of Jackson Ellis, at Farmers Valley last week.

Thomas Manning and family have moved in A. W. Hamm's house formerly known as the Summit House.

S. H. Anderson and J. L. Anderson spent part of last week at Bradford and Smethport on business.

S. P. Lockwith and wife of Farmers Valley are visiting their daughter Mrs. L. Steinhauer, of this place.

J. H. Tome and J. H. Desmond attended the Democratic County Committee meeting at Eldred on Tuesday last.

Our young people are talking of starting a literary society. I am glad to hear it and I wish them the best of success.

John Shaler came home from Kane as that Saturday to spend the Sabbath and get acquainted with his family.

Our constable, Mr. Weaver, who has been around on crutches for several weeks, is now able to walk without them.

I am informed that Dr. A. E. Colton formerly of this place but now of Wilcox, will move to Bradford in the near future.

Mrs. Heron and children from Keating Summit, are visiting Mrs. Heron's parents, Mr and Mrs. P. Chalmers, of the Bayer House.

Our friend Edward Ennis accompanied by his brother, Capt. Ennis, of Tonawanda, paid [illegible] a visit on Saturday last.

[illegible] John Conley of the main line is [illegible] Nichols place. "Jack" is a favorite with all the boys on this branch.

[illegible] returns thanks to his "anonymous" [illegible] for all their kindness. He does not know who they are but is in hopes this will catch their eye.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tate will start on the 31st [illegible] visit friends and relatives in Tioga Co. Mrs. Tate and children will make an extended visit but the Judge will return in a week.

John Bayer the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bayer, has been very sick for the past two weeks but his many friends will be pleased to hear that he is recovering and will soon be around again.

James Sonbergh will start in the 2nd to attend the funeral of Captain John Erickson, the inventor of the Monitor at New York on Saturday next. He will return by the way of Philadelphia and Washington.

One Geo. Lynch, alias "Geo." alias Buffalo, who has been working in the woods near this place stole forty five dollars from a Swede named Olsen the other day and made good his escape. He is a very bad character and should be hunted down and brought to justice.

A week ago last Saturday one Frank Shoup got a horse and buggy from Brown's livery in this place to go to Kasson, but as he had not returned Tuesday, Mr. Brown started for his man with a warrant. He found the horse and buggy near Benezette, Elk county, but Frank's whereabouts was not discovered.

Henry Johnson, S. A. Swanson and Charles Larson of Mt. Jewett, J. H. Johnson, Chas. Carlson, Fred Vinberg and Henry Larson, of Wilcox, and Anderson and Charles Johnson, of Instanter, all well known Swede Americans, [illegible] last Saturday. They all had business at our justice's office.

On Saturday last a special train from Johnsonburg brought some 25 candidates for initiation into the I. O. O. F., preparatory to the planting of a lodge at that place. They were accompanied by a number of their friends who were entertained at the Bayer House, while the ceremonies were being performed, after which all sat down to a sumptuous banquet, prepared in Mrs. P. Chalmers inimitable style. It is need less to say everybody enjoyed themselves.

Our enterprising merchant, E. A. Moore has introduced Hoyt's cash coupon system into his store. It is a first class affair. The work of hours can be done in minutes. Space will not allow us to fully describe the system, but all who wish to learn anything about it can call at the store, and Mr. Graham, the gentlemanly clerk will explain everything. We hope our other merchants will follow Mr. Moore's example, as it saves all errors and does away with the troublesome old pass book.

### PORT ALLEGANY.

F. H. Brown is on the sick list.

S. W. Smith, Esq., made a business trip to Bradford, Monday.

Master Ralph Goodwin of Emporium is visiting his aunt Mrs. R. G. Bartle.

We learn that our old friend Magnnis is [illegible] over at Johnsonburg.

Miss Winnie Glasby of Coudersport, is in town, the guest of Miss Lou Bartle.

W. F. Smith and Thos. McDowell made a business trip to Smethport, Monday.

F. A. Thomas and Wm. Masser drove over from the county seat on Sunday last.

Mr. Joe Cree has moved into the rooms over the store, in Lillibridge block on Mill street.

Uncle Tom's Cabin was inflicted upon our citizens on Friday last, by a very inferior troupe of artists.

The Presbyterian Church is undergoing some very important repairs. An addition will be built upon the north side of the present structure with basement and furnaces for heating.

J. G. Du Fee was severely injured on Friday last, while returning from Austin where he had been reviewing the fire. He is able to be about however, and is taking photos at greatly reduced prices.

Under the management of Contractor Grover the new Baptist Church is fast nearing completion, and is a model of neatness and convenience. He expects to have it ready for occupancy as early as Oct. 1st.

C. A. Willaman, who is engaged at the American extract works was so unfortunate as to badly mangle the thumb of the left hand on Friday night last. A trifle heavier blow would have dismembered the thumb entirely. The injured member is doing well at this writing.

Mr. C. W. Wagner has leased his market on Main street to Will Allen, who takes possession on Monday next. Mr. Wagner will engage in the wholesale business and knowing Mr. Allen as I do, I feel sure that he will be successful in catering to the wants of the public. We wish both gentlemen success in their ventures.

The Port Allegany Water Company have been making a survey up what is known as Smalley Brook and it is thought that a reservoir will be built at the head of that stream, and connected with the main line thus doing away with the Skinner Creek extension and saving over three hundred feet of pipe line, thus giving an abundance of beautiful spring water.

Mrs. Ephraim Fitch, an old resident of this place, died at her home on the Portage Creek on Sunday morning last aged 70 years. Mrs. Fitch was a woman much loved and respected by a large circle of acquaintances. A gentle loving mother, an affectionate wife, a true Christian, she will be sadly mourned by a large family, whom she leaves behind. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church on Monday last and was largely attended. She was buried in the old village cemetery.

### MT JEWETT

Mr. C. Stahl called on friends in Bradford last Monday.

The heavy rain of last Sunday done very much good.

Miss Alice Long, from Dushore, is visiting at E. W. Long's.

L. D. McCoy and G. H. Sparks drove to Smethport last Monday.

Miss Nannie Tate of Kinzua village, visited Mrs. G. H. Sparks on Saturday.

Mrs. Oaks of Mt. Alton was the guest of Mrs. A. G. Phillips, several days last week.

Scott and Dows' Comedy Company played in Long's hall last Monday and Tuesday evening.

Miss Wilcox of Salamanca, is spending a few weeks with her father, Dr. Wilcox, of this place.

I noticed several excursion trains pass through Mt. Jewett last Sunday for the Kinzua bridge.

Mr. Wm. Farquharson and family moved to Allegheny, N. Y., last Tuesday, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson are mourning the loss of their little baby, two months old. The death occurred last Friday.

S. L. Gray and family moved from Glen Hazel to Mt. Jewett, last week. Mr. Gray has opened his barber shop in Long's billiard hall.

The children's picnic held in the grove near Marvin creek road last Saturday was a delightful affair. Each little one reported a very pleasant time.

Dr. Vanslyke and wife started last Wednesday for a few weeks visit with friends in New York state. They will visit Chautauqua and Buffalo before returning home.

The ice cream festival held in Long's hall last Saturday evening for the benefit of the Swedish Lutheran Church, was well attended and proved to be a financial success.

### ELDRED.

I. N. Stickles came over from Bradford Monday.

Bob Owens took a business trip to Olean on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. Skinner, of Swedes Valley, was in town this week.

Robt. Templeton and wife visited Port Allegany last Sunday.

Mrs. A. C. Douglass is entertaining relatives from Blossburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rockwell visited Buffalo on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. L. A. Barber, of Buffalo, spent several days in town this week.

Dr. Richardson spent last Sunday with relatives at Warsaw, N. Y.

A Wicks of Friendship was looking around town, the first of the week.

The [illegible] postponed their picnic to Maccabee Island on Tuesday on account of the heavy rain.

First of [illegible] ball races at the driving park again last Saturday which were quite interesting and well attended.

Also a Uncle Tom's Cabin troupe showed here last Saturday evening and drew a large crowd but the show was a complete sell, so the folks say.

Norman T. Langton who has been in Russia for the past eight years is now on his way back and with his family, expects to reach Eldred this week. His old friends here will be glad to welcome him back.

Master Georgie Copeland, the child pianist, of Boston gave an entertainment at the Opera House Tuesday evening. He was assisted by Prof George and Miss Pauline E. Larrabee, of Port Allegany. Owing to the heavy rain, the concert was not very well attended.

### KANE

The [illegible] Kane [illegible]

The [illegible] of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] the 13th inst.

Messrs. Dewey [illegible] the attraction in Kane [illegible] this week.

H. H. Cookson has come back from the Upper Lake [illegible] improved in health but not so [illegible] as far as trout stories are concerned.

Chas. Eckberg who was struck by a train on [illegible] is in a precarious condition and may not recover.

A great many of our Swedish voters, after learning the true status of affairs in the "nominating" matter have changed their views and will vote for the Republican nominees.

The indications in this region are that Hon. J. T. Griffith will be re-elected by an increased majority. This is from a Democratic source, and they are always reliable and not subject to any modification.

A number of capitalists from New Jersey are in Kane and are much pleased with our town and its surroundings, and are likely to invest considerable money here should our Board of Trade return to time and they will as they were never known to be behind time or tardy.

Andrew Larson and wife were out riding last week to enjoy their fine new carriage and in turning out to allow a heavy laden team to pass Mr. Larson did not notice a hemlock stump that [illegible]. Their carriage was overturned, hurting Mr. Larson badly.

### KASSON

The rain of Sunday was much needed.

P. D. Hopkins of Smethport, spent Sunday with friends here.

Rev. Bequet and wife of Mt. Alton visited friends in this place this week.

Mrs. Louisa Dutcher who has been quite ill for the past week is much better.

Gerson Warfle who has been in poor health all summer is again quite seriously ill.

P. H. Fraley and daughter of Mt. Alton spent the past week with friends in this [place].

P. Hafner and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Hafner's father at Bells Camp.

Mrs. Amanda Briggs who has been visiting friends here for the past few weeks returned to her home in Bradford Saturday.

The mill just built on the McCamline job near Faten Switch by Harding burned down last Tuesday night. I understand there was no insurance. It will be rebuilt at once.

### EVERYBODY'S COLUMN.

#### Items of Interest Gathered from Various Sources by the Man With the Shears.

—Subscribe for the MINER

—Smoke "First Attempt."

—"First Attempt" clear Havana.

—Go to M. Rosenfield's for clothing.

—Never judge a man, for good or bad, by the estimation of his female relatives.

—After breakfast smoke "First Attempt."

—Have you seen the carpets at the Furniture and Carpet Store?

—The cartoonist is joined to his ideas and rarely undergoes a change of art.

—"First Attempt" sold at the Central and Wright House.

—Don't fail to see the carpets at the Furniture and Carpet Store.

—When you are dead it is for a long time, but when you are married it is forever.

—The largest and finest stock of carpets ever brought to this section of country is now at the Furniture and Carpet Store.

—A fisherman of wide experience and a sunset nose says that the worm of the still furnishes the best bait.

—For wall paper, go to Reilly's Furniture and Carpet store.

—Carpets in exchange for wool at the Furniture and Carpet Store.

—A drowning man will catch at a straw, especially if he happens to be drowning his sorrows.

—A big line of clothing for men and boys at M. Rosenfield's Main street.

—Cash paid for wool at A. Reilly's furniture and carpet store, Main street.

—A poet's plume is at one end of civilization and a policeman's club at the other.

—Cortland county creamery butter can be found at J. H. Stull's meat market, East Smethport, Pa.

—Call at J. B. Laraway's barber shop and examine his complete stock of rifles, shot guns, revolvers, loaded shells and cartridges of all kinds.

—The man who invents a soap guaranteed to clean a guilty soul will make a fortune.

—Go to J. O. Hall, of Port Allegany, Pa., for all kinds of flooring, ceiling, wainscoting, siding, wood turning, mouldings, etc. Pike lever handles a specialty. 8ft

—Itch, Mange, and Scratches on human or animals cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by A. B. Armstrong druggist, Smethport. 36 42-1y

—Chauncey Depew needn't brag about seeing the queen. We knew a man once who "saw" four queens and it cost him about $4,000.

—Families, jobbers and everybody can be supplied with fresh and salt meats promptly upon application at Stull's, East Smethport, Pa.

—The handsomest wall paper ever brought to Smethport can be seen at Specht & Sams's Furniture rooms.

### Great Discoveries.

What Bell and Edison are to the telephone and electricity, says the Pittsburg News, Dr. Franklin Miles the wellknown specialist in nervous diseases, is to the nervous system and nerve fluid. Among his numerous discoveries the Restorative Nervine is undoubtedly one of the greatest. It is unsurpassed in nervousness, dyspepsia, headaches, epilepsy, neuralgia, backache, melancholy, sleeplessness, change of life etc. Free bottles of it may be had of A. B. Armstrong, druggist. All should read his "New and Startling Facts for the Afflicted," a very able, interesting, and finely illustrated book. Free to all.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

B.H.&Co.

CASH AND ONE PRICE.

BUFFALO, August 20, '90.

Between hay and grass now. A month of busy preparation for fall—receiving and unpacking goods, putting prices on summer belongings that'll help them go

We are disposed to offer extra inducements every day in the week these weeks—such kinds as bright shoppers are looking for all the time. Hardly any necessity to keep on telling you of that fact.

This season's goods must not lag to look next season's in the face. We don't believe in carrying over business. Not if low prices will hurry the selling. And we needn't tell how good the qualities are. Many of you know them. Better values don't exist.

It would be rash to write about fashion as if it were settled when new goods are only just beginning to arrive. On the other hand, it is useful to think of what is here and what they point to.

These bits of fashion in dress goods are clear already.

Fine, smooth finished Henriettas and brilliantines that have been so largely in favor, heavy wool serges and cheviot tweeds in plain and fancy colors, with a good proportion of tartan checks. Clan plaids of French and German manufacture contend for preference with those of Scotch weave, the difference being only in texture.

The reputation of cheviots as the most comfortable and useful of fall fabrics has suffered no diminution. Several varieties of plain cheviots will divide honors equally with the plaids, check and mixtures.

Silks and velvets, plushes and mourning goods are arriving constantly along with the colored stuffs. For ten days past we've been ready with a view of these and many others.

BARNES, HENGERER & CO

FIRST-CLASS

BLACKSMITHING!

The subscriber has purchased the blacksmith shop recently occupied by Charles Kreuger on Mechanic street, near Gifford's saw mill where he is prepared to do first class blacksmithing, including

HORSESHOEING.

Satisfaction guaranteed. He also manufactures

SLEIGHS

for Lumbering Purposes with Patent Brakes [illegible]

Can Cure All Ordinary Lameness in Horse's Feet and Legs

CHAS. W. HUGENDAHL

Smethport, Aug. 6th '90.

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And dealer in

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A full line of Pittsburgh

COOKIES, CRACKERS, PRETZLES, ETC,

THE BEST IN TOWN

FRESH -- FISH

for family use received ever Thursday evening. Leave your orders and they will be delivered at your homes free of charge.

MEALS AND LUNCH

Served at all hours. Call and get

A GOOD DINNER FOR 25 CENTS.

Fine brands of Tobacco and Cigars, and soft drinks of every description constantly on hand.

Smethport, May 2, 1890—tf

Nothing On Earth Will

MAKE HENS LAY

LIKE

Sheridan's Condition Powder!

It is absolutely pure. Highly concentrated. In quantity it costs less than a tenth of a cent a day. Strictly a medicine. Prevents and cures all diseases. Good for young chicks. Worth more than gold when hens moult. "One large can saved me $40; send six for $5 to prevent roup," says a customer. If you can't get it send us 50 cents for two packs; five $1. A 2 1-4 pound can $1 20 post-paid; 6 cans $5, express paid. "THE BEST POULTRY PAPER," sample copy free. Poultry Raising Guide free with $1 orders or more. I. S. JOHNSON & Co., Boston, Mass.

### Auditor's Notice.

In re estate of Robert } In the Orphans' Court
Macklin, deceased } of McKean County.

And now, to-wit August 4, 1890, M. J. Colcord, Esq., appointed auditor to distribute the funds in the hands of Anna S. Macklin, administratrix. PER CURIAM.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested that I will attend to the duties of the appointment at my office, in Port Allegany, Pa., on the 6th day of September, A. D. 1890, at 10 o'clock a. m., where all parties interested may appear or be forever barred from sharing in the distribution.

M. J. COLCORD,
Auditor.

Aug. 12, 1890.—3 w.

STICKNEY,

BELL & CO.,

OPPOSITE THE

Smethport, Pa.

Two Weeks More!

Until our Annual Inventory.

All leisure moments are occupied in measuring, counting, weighing sifting out the remnants, odds and ends and goods that are going out of season.

You know one of our rules is a clean stock. We are determined to have it. No old timers for us. Each season must take care of itself. This is why we make it to your interest to visit us now. It's good value to you, it's cash and room to us. Yes, room, in spite of the conveniences of our new store we are again crying for room, room.

Preparations for fall stock cry out in tones of thunder

Cash, Room!
Cash, Room!

We have just received 125 barrels of Snow Flake and Harvest Queen Flour from old wheat. Every housewife knows that flour from old wheat is much more desirable than from new wheat. Grain markets are very strong. It is a good time to get a supply.

Here we are Again!

Trying, trying to do our customers good by selling them more goods for their money than any other store in this locality. Now if you doubt this we will take pleasure in convincing you that such is really the case.

I have some very Desirable

SUMMER GOODS

which I am offering away down. Real Bargains, FOR THE BUYER OF COURSE

I make this announcement to impress upon the mind of the people that I intend to reduce my present stock, to make room for a large, carefully selected and cheap stock, suitable for the fall and winter trade. Call and see me. You will be used well whether you buy or not.

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN SHOES!

D. C. YOUNG'S

New Fall and Winter

DRESS GOODS AND YARNS!

We have just purchased an entirely new line of yarns, consisting of Saxony, Germantown, and German Knitting Yarn, Zephyrs, &c.

We have also just received some very fine Dress Goods of the latest patterns. Come and see our new and elegant Dress Patterns, Pure mohair silk Finish

Dress Flannels, Cashmeres, &c.

It is hardly necessary to speak of our new shoes, as they are going off like hot cakes, and giving general satisfaction. A new pair of fine shoes for a trifle more than it would cost you to have the old ones cobbled.

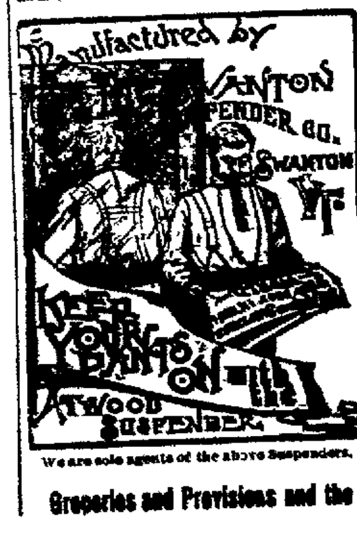
A few bargains in trimmed and untrimmed hats, bonnets, &c. Come in time—procrastination will deprive you of fashionable head wear for a little money.

MRS. T. D. NASH.

Smethport, Aug. 14th 1890.—tf

BROWNELL BROS,

SMETHPORT, PA.,


Manufactured by
Swanton Suspender Co.
Swanton Vt.
Keep Your Pants On with the Atwood Suspender.

We are sole agents of the above Suspenders.

Announce to the people of Smethport and vicinity that their stock is now complete and embraces many

Novelties in Every Department,

Designed for the

EVERY-DAY TRADE.

OUR EPICUREAN DEPARTMENT is supplied with all the leading brands of Canned and Bottled Good, including fruits, vegetables, meats soups, etc.

OUR DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT embraces all the latest fabrics in Dress Goods, White Goods, Table Linens, Damasks, &c.

OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT can not be beat. Fine Shoes for Ladies' Misses' and Children's wear. Also Men's Youths' and Boys' Boots and Shoes of every description.

We have also in stock a full line of Hats and Caps, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Gloves and Mittens

Groceries and Provisions and the Best Brands of Flour in the Market.

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"Castoria is so well adapted to children that I recommend it as superior to any prescription known to me." H. A. Archer, M. D., 111 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Castoria cures Colic, Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhœa, Eructation, Kills Worms, gives sleep, and promotes digestion. Without injurious medication.

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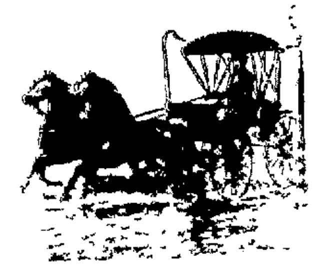

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[illegible] assortment of English and French goods on hand from which to select. Suits will be made up in the latest and most approved styles, and cuts.

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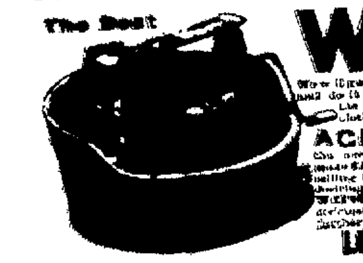


# WASHER

[illegible] "LOVELL" WASHER [illegible] better work [illegible] than any other machine in the world. Warranted five years, and if it don't wash the clothes clean without rubbing, we will refund the money.

AGENTS WANTED in every county. We [illegible] Farmers [illegible] selling this Washer. [illegible] Send your address on a postal card for further particulars.

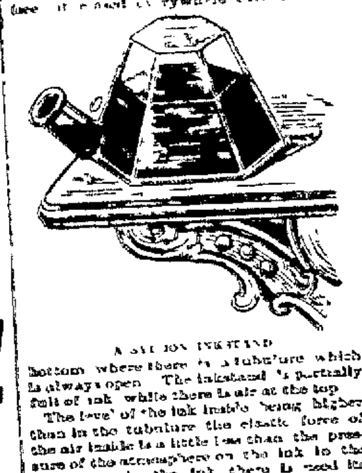
LOVELL WASHER CO., Erie, Pa.

# SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

POPULAR SCIENTIFIC RECREATION AND USEFUL KNOWLEDGE

### A Simple but Very Interesting Illustration of the Pressure of the Atmosphere and of the Elasticity of Air Experiments with a Syphon Inkstand

The syphon inkstand which presents ink from [illegible] is selected by [illegible] as an interesting illustration of the pressure of the atmosphere and of the elasticity of air. It consists of a glass vessel of the shape of a truncated pyramid [illegible] everywhere except at the base [illegible]



A SIPHON INKSTAND.

bottom where there is a tubulure which is always open. The inkstand is partially full of ink, while there is air at the top. The level of the ink inside being higher than in the tubulure the elastic force of the air inside is a little less than the pressure of the atmosphere on the ink in the tubulure. As the ink there is used its level sinks and is finally lower than the point o. At this moment a bubble of air passes into the interior and the elastic force being thereby increased the level of the ink descends in the inside and rises in the tubulure. This goes on until the internal level is at the point o. More ink must then be added, which is effected by pouring it into the tubulure, care being taken to incline the inkstand in the opposite direction. The fountains in bird cages are on a similar principle.

### Soap Bath for Cleaning Jewelry

An excellent bath for cleaning watches, jewelry, etc., according to The Union Horlogere, is made with soap ninety-two grains, ammonia [illegible] 157 grains, water one quart. Shave the soap and melt it in the water. Then add the ammonia. There are still a great number of watchmakers who prefer the good old way of cleaning [illegible] movement with [illegible] and a good brush, and they will find [illegible] given formula entirely to their satisfaction. Pour the bath into a vessel containing the parts to be cleaned [illegible] that they are entirely [illegible] the [illegible] the parts [illegible] could soon be [illegible] with difficulty.

The pieces [illegible] may be all that be left in the bath for a whole day without any danger whatever; steel pieces are not whatever attacked, but generally speaking from [illegible] minutes are amply sufficient [illegible] them through [illegible]. The bath may be used for a long time and is thrown away only when [illegible] very dirty or when [illegible]

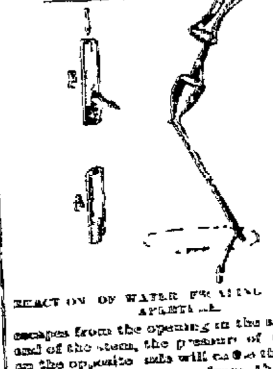
[illegible]

### A Boon to Smokers.

Many [illegible] been the [illegible] device [illegible] by which the [illegible] tip of the tongue [illegible] entering the [illegible] the saliva prevented [illegible] entering the mouthpiece, but as yet only indifferent [illegible]. Gilbert, an English [illegible] engineer, claims to have solved the problem by his improvement [illegible]. This pipe [illegible] purpose is effected [illegible] ball with [illegible] attached to it [illegible] the pipe [illegible] or cigar or cigarette holder [illegible] through the tube or smoke [illegible] slotted stem and upper [illegible] part of the ball and [illegible] against the ball in [illegible]

### Reaction from a Stream of Water

An exceedingly simple and [illegible] illustration of the reaction of a stream of water escaping from an aperture, the principle upon which [illegible] all turbine [illegible] in the water [illegible] is shown in the cut. The only apparatus necessary is a clay tobacco pipe [illegible] a little sealing wax. Grind or scrape off the end of the stem as shown at A, and cover it with a bit of sealing wax as in B so that the aperture at the end is changed into one at the side. Now suspend the pipe by a long thread attached to the bowl by another piece of wax and fill the bowl with water. As it



REACTION OF WATER ESCAPING FROM AN APERTURE.

escapes from the opening in the side at the end of the stem, the pressure of the water on the opposite side will cause the pipe to move backward away from the stream. After a short time the pipe will revolve quite rapidly in a more or less perfect circle. The illustration to this article originally appeared in Nature, and was recently described by Popular Science News.

Hair that is brushed regularly night and morning, if only for a few minutes at a time, will require less frequent washing, and meanwhile will be clean and glossy. Too much washing renders the hair harsh and dry.

### Miles Nerve & Liver Pills.

An important discovery. They act on the liver, stomach and bowels through the nerves. A new principle. They speedily cure biliousness, bad taste, torpid liver, piles and constipation. Splendid for men, women and children. Smallest, mildest, surest. 50 doses for 25 cents. Samples free at A. B. Armstrong's drug store.

### Prospects for Harvest.

Despite the fact of there having been too much rain throughout the country, the present outlook for crops is equal to that of any previous year and when tired from severe toil and fatigue, the farmer returns to the shady trees, longs for a cool drink of water. He forgets that his life is in danger from the sudden cooling of the system. In the good old times the apple jack and pure old rye were awaiting the return home and why not now? Because you fear the impurities. Let us here say to you that you can get it as pure as ever and at reasonable prices, by the quart or gallon at from $1.50 to $4.00 per gallon, neatly packed and shipped by express. For price list and catalogue of all kinds of liquors just write to Max Klein, 82 Federal St., Allegheny, Pa.

### To Sufferers from Consumption

Coughs and colds will try Pan-Tina Cough and Consumption Cure they will find a quick relief and permanent benefit. The medical profession declare it a remedy of the highest value. Try it, price 25 cents. Trial bottles free.

A large proportion of the diseases which cause human suffering, result from derangement of the stomach, bowels and liver. Dr. Lee's Liver Regulator removes all these troubles. Trial bottles free at Frank R. Foster's drug store.

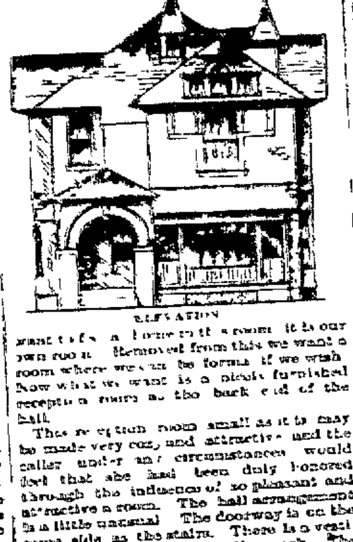
## AN ORIGINAL HOME.

### A House Made to Order to Fit a Particular Family

There are many good reasons why each person who builds should want a house different from his neighbor's, both as to arrangement and external appearance. This is true, independent of taste.

Take the case of the plan which is herewith selected.

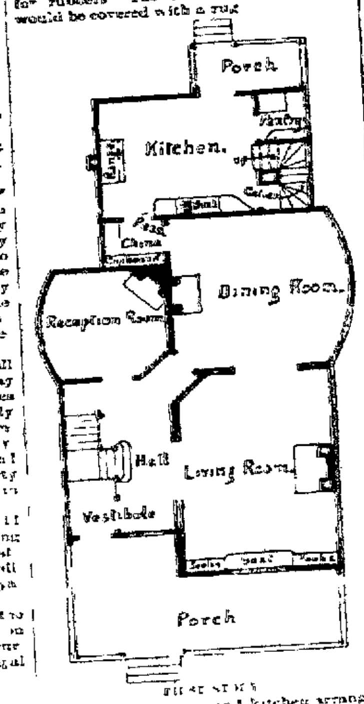
The lady says: "We want a hall not too large, and off from that a living room in front. This living room should be large. We have some books, a piano, a lounge and other living room furniture. We



ELEVATION.

want this a homelike room. It is our own room. Removed from this we want a room where we can be formal if we wish. Now what we want is a nicely furnished reception room at the back end of the hall.

This reception room small as it is may be made very cozy and attractive, and the caller under any circumstances would feel that she had been duly honored through the influence of so pleasant and attractive a room. The hall arrangement is a little unusual. The doorway is on the same side as the stairs. There is a vestibule surrounded by spindle work. The vestibule is formed in the hall partially by the stairway. A hat rack would be formed next to it by inserting brass hooks and pegs into the proper framework forming the spindle screen. Below would be a small table, an umbrella stand and a place for rubbers. The floor of the vestibule would be covered with a rug.



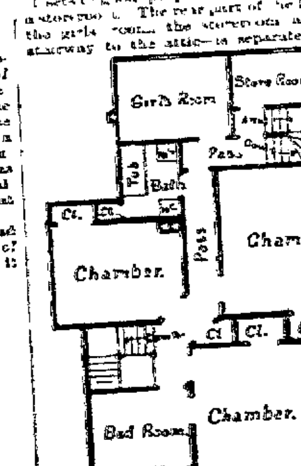
FIRST STORY.

The dining room and kitchen arrangement are not particularly new. There is the china closet with leaded glass doors above and the paneled doors below, the table under, and the double swinging doors [illegible] separating the kitchen from the dining room. In the kitchen there are properly arranged sink [illegible] cabinet [illegible]

The stairways to the cellar and the part of the house from the kitchen are shown. The pantry would be better if it were extended out under the porch so that it would be larger.

The second story of this house is good. The rooms are large, the wall space is ample and their relation to one another is proper.

There are five chambers and seven closets [illegible]. There is also a store room. The rear part of the house—the girl's room, the store room and the stairway to the attic—is separated from



SECOND STORY.

the front part by a door. Four other rooms and the bathroom are in front of this doorway. The front chamber connects with the bedroom over the hall.

The bathroom in any house is a convenience that can never be overestimated.

The cost of this building is indicated by the annexed schedule:

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| Building | $3,[illegible] |
| Privy vaults | 40 |
| Cistern connections | 50 |
| Walks | 15 |
| Illuminating gas pipe | 25 |
| Plumbing | 150 |
| Gas fixtures | 60 |
| Five mantels and grates (average cost, $30) | 150 |
| Furnace | 85 |
| Electric work (door bell and kitchen bell) | 30 |
| Total. | $4,150 |

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### Instructive Tests in Corn Culture at the Connecticut and Illinois Experiment Stations—Importance of a Continuous Selection of Seed

Experiments [illegible] the Connecticut station [illegible] grain in general [illegible] is thicker planting on poor than on fertile soil and that the [illegible] of grain results from [illegible] crowded growth when the [illegible] too much [illegible] variety [illegible] for this [illegible] may give [illegible] dent [illegible] condition.

A series of experiments were made by this station to determine the relative value of certain dent and flint varieties of corn. Both were planted at different and measured distances in rows four feet apart. The unexpected result was reached that the dent would bear closer planting and give heavier returns from thick planting than the flint although the dent was taller, larger, had heavier leaves and larger and longer ears. The flint yielded the heaviest crop when planted one foot apart in the row while the dent produced the most with two stalks to a foot. This remarkable difference in favor of the thickest planting for the larger variety was ascribed to the continued selection of seed of this particular variety of the dent for the past fifteen years, with a special view to this superiority, and it affords a strong recommendation of the practice of continuous selection with valuable points in view. The reproduction of plants from the seed continuously produces new varieties, but this improvement is not to be expected in case of the potato which is not increased by seed but only from cuttings of the underground stems.

Trials with corn as reported in a bulletin issued by the Illinois station have led to the following conclusions: The varieties maturing about Sept. 25 gave larger yields of well dried corn than either earlier or later sorts. The loss after husking ranges from 10 to 20 per cent., and eighty pounds of ear corn were required to weigh a bushel of air dry corn. [illegible] of stock seems to depend more [illegible] on thickness of planting and season than on variety. The yields have varied but little from plantings made at any time not later than June 1. Drill planting has not been found materially better than hill planting. Planting at the rate of one kernel to every nine or twelve inches gave more grain and one kernel to every six inches more fodder than [illegible] thicker or thinner planting. Deep and [illegible] cultivation [illegible] the crop. Frequent cultivation did not pay the extra cost. [illegible] did not increase the yield [illegible] stable manure increased the yield but not sufficient to [illegible]

### Thistles and Quack Grass.

I had a [illegible] that was completely overrun with Canada thistles besides on a part of it there was a good deal more quack grass than made it desirable to farm. In the spring four years ago I put it under barley and when the crop was cut scarcely any barley could be seen, so thick and high were the thistles. [illegible] Just as thirty five bushels [illegible] the plow was started and [illegible] deep. Then dragging and [illegible] followed. The weather was dry. In this condition the land was left till about Sept. 1 when the stalky plow was started around the [illegible] plowing with two horses at the rate of three acres per day. The plow was set to run about two inches deep after that we dragged once and sowed to wheat. The result was that thistles and quack grass are no more to be seen in that lot. Of course, dry weather is needed [illegible] concludes the correspondent who related the foregoing in Rural New Yorker.

### Poultry in the Orchard

When chickens are trained from the first to live in the orchard they like no place better and will be perfectly content to scratch in the dirt for worms and catch bugs and insects of every kind which come near enough to the ground. In this way small orchards especially can be greatly benefited. Ducks, guineas, turkeys and chickens are all exceedingly fond of bugs and worms of nearly all kinds and if you watch them hunting in the orchard for a while you are sure to be convinced that they are a most excellent destroyer of pests. By this combination the chickens are at least partly fed and the bugs are converted into useful animation. It can scarcely be said that chickens will injure fruit because they will only peck at that which falls to the ground in a partly decayed or injured condition.

### Expensive Incidents of Sandy Land

A farmer who has long cultivated a sandy farm remarks as one of the expensive incidents of this land the increased cost of fencing it. Posts set in sand rot out much more quickly than in heavier soil mainly because as with every rain the water settles down the air follows and it is exposed to constant change. Sandy soil is through the summer generally warmer than other land and this promotes speedy decay of anything in it. The farmers had once set posts that did not last more than eight years before they were rotted off, the decay occurring just at the surface of the ground. Posts of the same kind set on heavier soil, wet most of the season, were good after fifteen years of service.

### Remedy for Cucumber Beetles.

Professor Cook recommends a tablespoonful of saltpeter dissolved in a pail of water as a remedy for the striped and black beetles that infest cucumber and squash vines. A pint of the solution poured around each hill is the proper prescription. Cut worms are also said to dislike the dose, though a diet of paris green, mixed with fine wheat middlings and spread dry around the plants they are threatening is reported to be equally as attractive and fatal to them.

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### An Improvement on the Common Comb Foundation.

"I have thought for a long time," writes a Kentucky bee keeper in The Cincinnati Gazette, "that an improvement could be made on the common comb foundation now on the market. The objection to it is its liability to swag in hot weather, which makes it possible for the bees to use the elongated cells for drone rearing. Much trouble is experienced in [illegible] from the comb breaking out of the frames and this especially the case when extracting, the broken parts being a [illegible] at a loss of valuable time. With [illegible] the time is honey. Something should be devised that will strengthen the comb sufficiently to insure ease and safety while handling the frames. Many plans have been suggested, the best of which has been to imbed fine wire in the foundation, but this is troublesome. Quinby [illegible] the [illegible] comb of thin tin using [illegible] for the cells. The bees accepted it, but it was too expensive.

I believe [illegible] made from thin tin that will answer all objections and perhaps be cheaper than that now on the market. Take thin tin of the required length and breadth and pass through the foundation molds. Then immerse in melted wax to give it a coat. One immersion I think would be sufficient. After it is cool pass it again through the mold, taking care that they [illegible] exactly [illegible] the indentations previous [illegible]. This will give a 'starter' to [illegible] cells [illegible] foundation of this kind [illegible] firmly secured in the frames and would not pull out or break out."

### Peach Yellows

The infallible symptoms are a sickly, yellowish green color of the foliage, small leaves often clustered and tinged with red, small and wiry new shoots growing in clusters or tufts especially if they come out on the trunks or main branches and the fruit ripens prematurely, is small, high colored and bitter to the taste. At the Hatch experiment station of the Massachusetts Agricultural college the causes productive of the disease were found to be general neglect and the small supply of the food suited to a perfect development where the food supply was abundant and of a suitable kind the growth was vigorous and healthy. The fertilizers recommended are equal quantities of muriate of potash and nitrate of soda with about four times the weight of ground bone to be applied in March or April from five to ten pounds to the tree according to size. All manures or chemical fertilizers should be applied so that the trees may get the benefit of them early in the season, but stable manure or ground bone should be put on in the fall.

### Cultivating Plants While the Dew Is On

The advantage of working around some plants while they are wet with dew which is thus shaken off and covered with soil is very marked. There is no time so good for hoeing cabbage plants as before breakfast while the dew is on them. We know good farmers who during hot days in summer get the cultivator to work very early in the morning and then rest both men and horses during the midday heat. The advantage of this is not merely the cooler weather for working, but the fact that dew condensing from the atmosphere in the cool nights contains a much larger proportion of ammonia than ordinary rain water. In contact with soil this is absorbed and is thus saved from wasting when the drop of dew evaporates. But beans [illegible] cultivated with advantage [illegible] as it injures the leaves and [illegible] include potatoes in the same category.

### Stirring the Soil

Hoeing in the garden a little while almost daily is necessary for keeping the weeds down and giving it a clean appearance, but the chief use at this season is in stirring the soil. By this the moisture is prevented from being too rapidly evaporated from the surface and the roots of the plants and vegetables get the benefit. [illegible] Anybody can easily discover the difference in the growth of the garden plants where the surface is baked and hardened over and where it is cultivated with the hoe every day or two. The same [illegible] in the fields [illegible] should both be cultivated [illegible] sufficient. It well [illegible] being done even if they are not [illegible] enough to require it. It will pay in their growth especially in dry seasons.

### Turning Under Rye

A green crop of any kind turned under will benefit the land and rye has long been used for this purpose because of the ease with which it may be grown and the facility with which it may be handled. The proper time for sowing rye for turning under is early in the fall so that the crop may have as long a time as possible to gather the elements of plant food from the air and the soil. The best time to turn under is when it commences to head out in the spring.—Southern Cultivator.

### Agricultural News and Notes.

Pinch back the new green shoots of raspberries and blackberries and so provide stout stocky canes for bearing next year.

Arbor Day was observed this year in thirty-six states.

The New Jersey state fair meets this year at Waverley Sept. 22-26.

As a rule hens learn to eat eggs from having them broken in the nests.

An extra large bean crop is expected.

The New York fair opens at Syracuse Sept. 11 and continues one week.

The experiment of producing rainfall by explosions of dynamite has been proposed. An item has been included in the agricultural appropriation bill setting aside $3,000 for that purpose.

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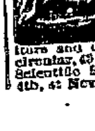

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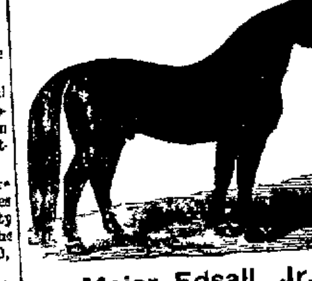

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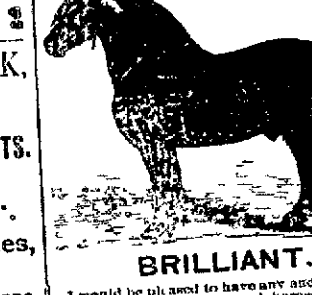

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WESTWARD.

10:25 a. m.—Erie Mail daily for Erie and intermediate stations with through Pullman Palace car and through passenger coaches to Erie.

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